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SACRAMENTO'S NEWS MAGAZINE FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY AND ITS FRIENDS

The Reverend Freda Smith and Jerry Sloan moderate the Town Council's discussion of gay bashing and the upcoming Traditional Values conference.

Lesbians and Gays Unite: Town Council Formed

by **Kate Moore**

On January 30th, approximately 40 people representing local lesbian and gay organizations gathered at the Lambda Community Center.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of a Lesbian and Gay Town Council, gay bashing, and the Traditional Values Coalition conference at the Hyatt Regency on March 13.

The formation of a Town Council was based on the need for a unified lesbian/gay community voice. Some of the groups that were represented were: Sacramento Area Career Women's Network, River City Democratic Club, Pillars, The Men's and Women's Chorus, Metropolitan Community Church, Delta Lambda Phi – Gay Men's Fraternity CSUS, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Gay Fathers, Outreach, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Faces, and the River City Family.

Several committees were formed at the meeting. An organizational committee to set up the structure and foundation of the Town Council.

A committee to invite gay and straight businesses to participate in the Town Council and ask

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Mapplethorpe's Show Arrives

by **Celeste Michalski**

Stark, provocative, elegant, dangerous, mesmerizing . . . all apt adjectives which describe Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Moment.

This exhibition is currently shown at the University Art Museum, in Berkeley, through March 18.

This varied collection of Mapplethrope work is distinct in its representation of the late photographer's three favorite subjects: the portrait, the nude and the still life.

This exhibition of The Perfect Moment will be the only West Coast appearance of this first-ever traveling collection. Approximately 165 black and white and color prints cover Mapplethorpe's early works from the late 60's to his more widely acclaimed works of the 70's and 80's.

Curator Janet Kardon has written that Mapplethorpe was "a committed formalist, determined to distill a beautiful aspect of any subject." Indeed, Mapplethorpe's portrait subjects (Warhol, Patty Smith, Franceso Clemente, etc.) all seem to be captured in the precise moment of rapt and mesmerized attention.

This photo, "Untitled" 1982, conveys Mapplethorpe's obsession with beauty and passion.

In his controversial "X-Portfolio, Mapplethorpe produced an explicitly detailed mixture of flowers, nudes and portraits.

Free AIDS Treatment Approved

by **Arturo Jackson III**

President Bush recently signed federal legislation directing $30 million to states providing AIDS drugs to low income residents.

California received approximately $4.6 million of the legislated funds which provide AIDS medication Zidovudine (AZT) and Pentamidine, a preventative treatment for pneumocystis carinii, a common ailment among people with AIDS.

Dennis Webb offers assistance.

The medication and treatment is available free of charge to state residents who meet the medical and income criteria.

The federal AZT program is administered by the Sacramento County Health Department through the county's Public Health Division established in October 1987. The recent 20 percent price cut of AZT by the drugs manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome and recent FDA recommendations to reduce the prescribed dosage amount of the medication allows federal fund-

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Stark, provocative, elegant, dangerous, mesmerizing

While Mapplethorpe used both male and female nudes in his work, one of his favorite subjects was the black man. Some critics believed that Mapplethorpe viewed the black man alternately as "a sexual being, exquisite deco figurine, an athlete,

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really !!! I MUST SAY!

Speak Up

Liberty, independence, emancipation, choice, equality. These were the words of those who gathered together over two hundred years ago with the primary goal of creating a land that was free of discrimination, bigotry and hatred — a nation built upon the potential of the diversity of the people who chose, even risked, to be individuals.

Today we address the same dilemma that brought people to this land of freedom. The issue is prejudice. The same type of prejudice that forced the original 13 colonies to war against the adversaries of freedom. Two hundred years and what have we learned? Two hundred years and still the government which was created to protect the basic principals of freedom has begun an about face. Who is leading this force? Most important, why are we letting them?

The Traditional Values Coalition is out to take away your right to love who you choose, to be judged by who you sleep with and not who you are, and to have control of your bodies.

Civil disobedience, demonstration, rally, march, protest. These were, and still are the most effective means of fighting prejudice. By making our disagreement with offensive policies public, other people will begin to take notice.

We have the opportunity to let the TVC know that they are not welcome in our city, in our legislature or in our lives. Participate in the protest action scheduled for March 13. The rights they're after are yours. Speak up Sacramento. Contact the Lambda Center at 442-0185 for details.

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Be Aware, the Inquisition Is Not Over Yet

Editor,

The inquisition isn't over. Today's religious fanatics don't differ much from the Dark Age witch hunters who sent to the stake those who dared to step beyond the lines defining a tight, safe little society.

Things are scary out there – our community is under attack, and we're smothering underneath the weight of our own apathy and paranoia. Too many of us feel that we have nothing more to contribute to our lifestyle than a good party, too many of us are scared to death of being who we are unless we're at a good party.

What is gay pride? If there's room for pride there's room for shame. I'd like to think that something so intrinsically part of who I am goes beyond pride and shame. The pride lies in the courage to find who you are and be strong in it and put it out there into the universe. We have the strength to make our lives count in some incredible ways. You don't have to join the army to be all that you can be.

People are so scared of us – for many of them, fear seems to paralyze the portion of their brains that would enable them to see us with any clarity.

I know so many people who tell me I'm the only gay person they know. I know they know more, but the other ones they know are too busy being invisible to cop to it. I don't put signs in my windows or proclaim my sexuality to grocery clerks, but people whose lives touch mine know who I am, and their ideas about gay people change. Their perceptions are colored more with love and humor, less with hate and fear.

Soren Kierkegaard said that humanity's hope rests with the true individual. It's time to lose the herding instinct, people. As long as we continue to blend in with the herd, we remain invulnerable to all those strange people out there with cattle prods. We have the right to stand up without fear and take our places in society as gay men and women. Take back the night, hell. It's time to take back our lives, and our world, and our community.

Dawn Lawson

Leather Rebuttal

Editor,

In response to D.C.'s letter in the last issue: I ride a motorcycle. I restore motorcycles. I wear leather. I create leather garments for riding and fashion. Leather is a sensual expressive medium for an artist to mold.

Leather can be an expression of one's sexual preference or simply a boost (at least for men) in one's masculinity. this can be a source of pride in standing up for who we are – a break with the past where faggots were expected to be effeminate. A masculine gay man goes against society's expectations and we are proud in leather to fight the homogenizing effect of America's culture.

D.C. generalities about leathermen's sexual preferences are hogwash. D.C. should not write about a subject where his/her ignorance is obvious.

Our leather fund raising efforts are commendable. Many in our leather community do not socialize in bars and our fundraisers and events give them a chance to be among their own kind and contribute generously to our struggle with the AIDS epidemic.

A contradiction certainly appears when D.C. calls leathermen "trendy" and a paragraph later issues the fashion judgement. That the leather scene is totally retro-spoken like a true fashion dictator – the new wave/punk/heavy metal scene is into leather. Trendy or retro?

The statement that we should stop flaunting our eccentricities is heavily bigoted. Would D.C. tell the blacks or hispanics or vietnamese or women to stop being different? American Japanese in the 40's could not unslant their eyes. German Jews in the 30's and 40's could not disavow their heritage. Gays – leather or not – will not go back in our closets now.

Earl Grist
Co-chair Sacto Leather Assn.

Leather Rebuttal the Sequel

Editor,

Why do Leathermen and women wear leather? Simple, because it's who we are for whatever reason. We have pride in leather and in ourselves and are not afraid to show it. As to sexual practices, vanilla sex is a persons perogative, not designated by the clothes worn. Although the leather community is more inclined toward S/M. The events thrown by the leather community are for the leather community and people who support us. The funds raised at these events are given to charities to benefit the entire gay community. Just for information purposes, the court or drag queens as you have put it, have raised more money than any other single organization in Sacramento. D.C., I ask you, have you done anything to help your community besides attack it. With your anti-gay ideas of don't look gay or different or the world will know your gay? D.C., have you raised any money for your community? Have you tried spreading information to prevent AIDS or would that mean people would know you're gay? D.C., you complain that drag queens and leathermen are the most visible representatives of the gay community. Why is that D.C.? And where are you? Stuck in your closet. People like you who stay quiet behind closed doors are the problem. Have you seen the slogan, SILENCE = DEATH, it's true. Until you are ready to accept that you are gay to the world don't try and preach to people who are obviously helping the community. Do us a favor and try and join the rest of us or at least shut up. We have enough problems with fundamentalist Christians and right wingers, we don't need it in our own community.

George M. Hollcraft
Mr. Leather Sacramento 1990

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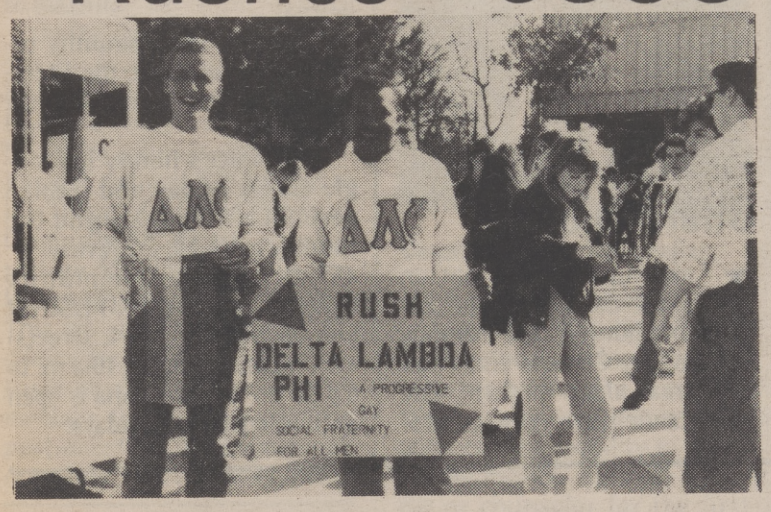
LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

Gay Fraternity "Rushes" CSUS



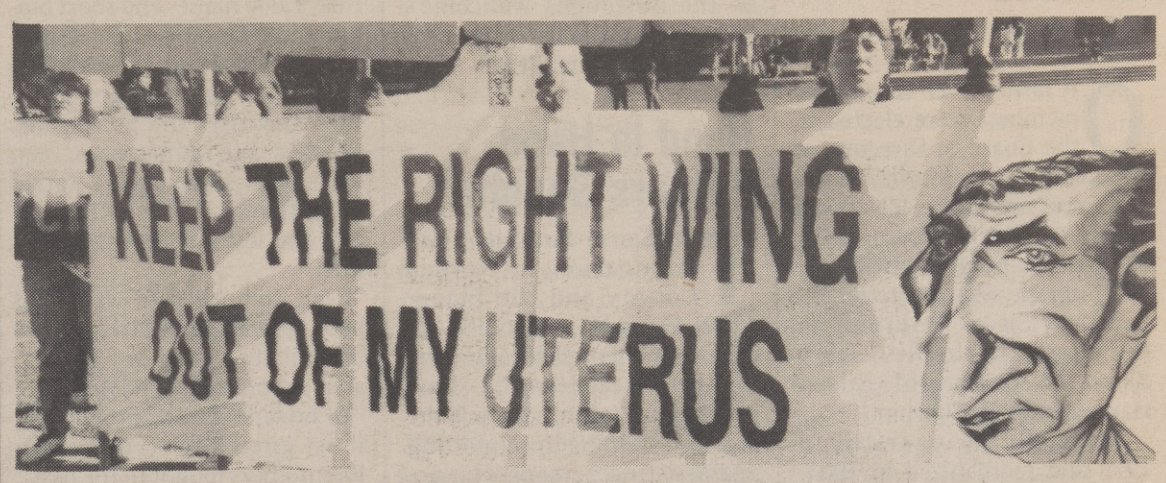
Delta Lambda Phi members Steve Naugle (L) and Bill Collins (R) make friends during Rush week.

Delta Lambda Phi, the gay fraternity at CSUS, participated in the Rush for new members at California State University Sacramento the week of January 29, 1990.

The fraternity set up a table with informative pamphlets and flyers alongside other recruiting fraternities. Many students offered support to the frat boys while the members of Delta Lambda Phi let those on campus know they were proud, gay and will remain a part of the campus life.

Currently Delta Lambda Phi, Sacramento has nine active undergraduate members and one graduate member. The fraternity has been active mobilizing other campus groups coordinating events for National Condom Week.

The president of Delta Lambda Phi, William Collins, recognizes that it is difficult for potential new members to approach the gay fraternity in the quad area on campus. The president said that the frat boys present during RUSH activities makes a statement and according to Collins, "Its a shock to the other fraternities, the norm is all black or white and straight. It's hard for the other fraternities to accept a gay fraternity but slowly they are learning to be supportive." A potential new frat member who happened to stop and offer support to the group said "It's easy to feel alone and its good to see the support out here for the family." The Delta Lambda Phi is setting a precedent at the CSUS campus and the fraternities belief, "brother members now, family always" is a shining example of true brotherhood.



Family Planning Wins Reprieve

by **JoAnn Milligan**

An important issue regarding women's health concerns has been compromised into legislation by our state's lawmakers. The issue is a concern to over 500,000 low-income women who use the services provided by the family planning clinics.

Last July Governor Deukmejian cut the 1989-90 budget of the State Office of Family Planning in half. The original $24 million budget was used to provide birth control and related health services to low-income Californians. According to Deukmejian he used his line item veto power to balance the budget. However, he has made it clear that he questions the program's effectiveness. Deukmejian is quoted as saying: "the more I've gotten into it now, the more I'm finding out there are expenditures in that program that go beyond what the average person in the state understands is meant by the term family planning . . . to that extent, there should be a redefinition and a reapplication of the law as far as any future family planning program is concerned."

Conservative supporters of Deukmejian's cutbacks, such as

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RCMCC Moves to "New" Home

by **Judy Buchenburger**

On March 1, 1990, the Sacramento Bank Building, built around 1914, will become the new home of the River City Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). The Reverend Freda Smith says proudly, "It's the finest property in Oak Park."

The community raised the money for the new sanctuary through personal loans to the church and the purchasing of bonds from the church which are still available. The purchase price for the property was $150,000. The insurance value is $417,000.

This historic building will serve as MCC's new home. The $150,000 purchase was financed through community support and bond sales.

This gorgeous old building features Roman portico style architecture. Historically, this style has always been reserved for important public and monumental buildings. At the entrance you will notice the two wood and plaster columns and volutes. Inside you may notice a favorite modern feature: central heat and air.

Rev. Smith says MCC wants to be very receptive to needs of the current occupants. The opening may be delayed until the existing occupants can find a new location. The opening ceremony, not to be confused with the dedication ceremony, will be held as soon as the building is vacant. Dedication ceremonies will take place after minor remodeling is completed.

Everyone is invited to attend both ceremonies. The actual dates will be announced. The Sacramento Bank Building is located at 3418 Broadway.

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New Directors of Lambda Fund Elected

On January 17 seven new members were elected to the Board of Directors of the Lambda Community Fund. The new members are Willis Bennett, Richard Boriolo, Marghe Covino, Robert Gilbert, Bil Gingrich, Sharon McDonell, and Drew Siegel. Returning to the board are the Rev. Jerry Sloan, Laura Enright, Eileen Harvey and Rob Thorbin.

Originally incorporated in 1979 and reorganized in 1984, the Lambda Community Fund operates the Lambda Community Center, AIDS Response Programs, "Gay and Lesbian Outreach" cable TV show, Lambda Freedom Fair, and Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities.

HIV+ Kids Get Help

Children infected with the HIV virus are eligible to receive Zidovudine (AZT) syrup at no cost providing the physician and parent or guardian enroll the child in Burrough Wellcome's clinical trials studying the medication. Research trials completed last year demonstrated that children between 3 and 12 years of age who participated in the clinical studies received the same benefits as adults in similar trials. The purpose of the program is to provide the drug to children until the FDA officially approves AZT for pediatrics which is expected shortly. According to last years figure, as of November 30, 1,947 children have been diagnosed with AIDS and the American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that at least 20,000 children in the United States will contract AIDS by 1991. For individuals interested in more information on the Burroughs Wellcome's Pediatric Trials, call the company at (800) 829-PEDS.

Hand to Hand Helpers Sought

The Sierra Foothill AIDS Foundation in Nevada County and the Placer AIDS Foundation in Placer County are in need of volunteers for their local Hand-to-Hand programs. Volunteers will be provided training in comforting and assisting persons who are HIV+, or who have ARC or AIDS. Training in patient advocacy will also be provided.

Volunteers who complete the program will be matched on a one-to-one basis with a person suffering HIV disease. Volunteers provide support and friendship to this individual, their families, and significant others. The training program will be held February 3, 4, 10 and 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Persons interested in volunteering are asked to phone 477-5551 in Nevada County or 889-AIDS in Placer County.

Dell Richards At Lioness Books

Former Sacramento author, Dell Richards, will be in the capitol city to talk about her book, Lesbian Lists on Thursday, March 1. The talk will be held at 7 p.m. at Lioness Books, 2224 J Street and followed by a book signing.

Lesbian Lists, which is put out by Alyson Publication has over 100 lists of people, places and things that cover lesbian history from the early Amazon era to modern times.

Richards has taken a wealth of information and turned it into a fascinating look at lesbianism though the centuries with more than 1,000 names and short biographies, ranging form lesbian writers and artists to rulers and aristocrats, actresses and directors, theorists and politicians, witches and nuns, on-screen kisses and slow dances, torrid love affairs, famous switchhitters and lesbians who passed as men.

"I felt compelled to write this book because so much of our lesbian history has been deliberately suppressed," said Richards. "To understand the present, we must know the struggle our foremothers fought in the past."

Richards lived in Sacramento for five years before moving to Boise, Idaho this past July. She has lived in London, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

While living in Sacramento, Richards founded the company, Richards Ink Features, which syndicates profiles of gay men and lesbians to gay newspapers in every major American City. The monthly features are seen by more than 350,000 people in the U.S. and the Netherlands.

Her latest book features such enlightening facts as lesbian plants and animals, lesbian holy days, herbal aphrodisiacs, alleged causes and cures of lesbianism and myths about sexuality.

Lambda Center Offers Info

Looking for information about the lesbian and gay community? The Lambda Community Center's entry hall is a great place to start. The newsstands there contain local gay publications "Mom ... Guess What!", 'the latest ISSUE," and the "Positive Social Support Newsletter" - for persons living with HIV. Also available are "The Sentinel" from San Francisco and "BLK" — a monthly magazine for gay people of color — and Suttertown News, a progressive weekly journal.

A number of community organizations also use the literature racks to promote their programs.

The Center's library has single copies of gay and lesbian periodicals from around the country available for review.

The Lambda Community Center is located at 1931 L Street (corner of 20th and L streets) with regular hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and is open until midnight on Fridays.

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The Rush of Leather

Editor,

I'm writing in regards to the current leather controversy we seem to be having. In particular I'd like to address my comments to the letter written by D.C. of Sacramento.

Why do I wear leather? I understand why but I could never explain it. Leather is more than a "garment fabric". It's more than motorcycles and sex. Leather is much more than the sum of its individual parts.

To truly understand leather, you have to be in to it. Unless you know the rush of sliding into a pair of tall black boots, you will never understand . I personally do not understand chinese, but many people do.

In other words D.C., we speak a different language than you. Its a sensitive language full of poetry and beauty. It is not translatable, but it must be tolerated.

I know the instinct in the gay community is to see us leatherfolk shut away with our drag sisters, far from the public eye, but remember us when you come out to your parents and they accept you because "at least you didn't pierce your nipples." And when you're able to keep your job because "at least you don't wear mascara", give us a nod. We go out and yell our differences, with the result that you can go out and whisper yours.

We put our butts on the line every time we leave the house. We all have our emotional scars from our contacts with the general public, but more often than not we return unscathed. Hence comes pride D.C.; pride that we gambled and survived. We didn't always win, but we always survived.

I'd also like to remind you that the Stonewall riot that sparked the gay liberation movement in the sixties wasn't started by tweed suits and neckties. It was the drag queens that finally fought back and first showed some guts. Here's to you, girls.

Please dont misunderstand me. I'm not saying that the gay movement owes all it is to drag queens and leather folk. I wouldn't even pretend to say that. What I am saying however, is that we've all played our parts and deserve appreciation instead of scorn.

Our differences hardly matter. Its what we all have in common thats important and until we can all sign our full names to a letter to the editor, we should concentrate on unity.

David Fulk
Leatherman, Rocklin

P.S. By the way D.C., we don't all die naked. As for me, I'll die with my boots on.

Leather Lifestyle

Editor,

In response to the article submitted from D.C.: I am a member of the Sacramento Leather Association and a "Leather Woman" within our community. To some individuals leather is for fashion, but as for myself leather is a lifestyle, not just attire.

The gay and lesbian community must pull together, not ridicule each others individuality. Some people promote a Leather way of life, while others choose to live as female impersonators. These two ways of life in particular are too often times, misinterpreted by the remainder of the community.

D.C. your attitude shows the apathetic cultural education you possess of the gay and lesbian lifestyle.

Mary Trader
Sacramento Leather Association

Smut ?

Editor,

I was disappointed to see the latest ISSUE go along with all of the other gay newspapers and carry that trashy phone sex advertising, I thought I had finally found a paper with some class. Give the gay community back its dignity, stop the smut.

David Satrillo
Orangevale

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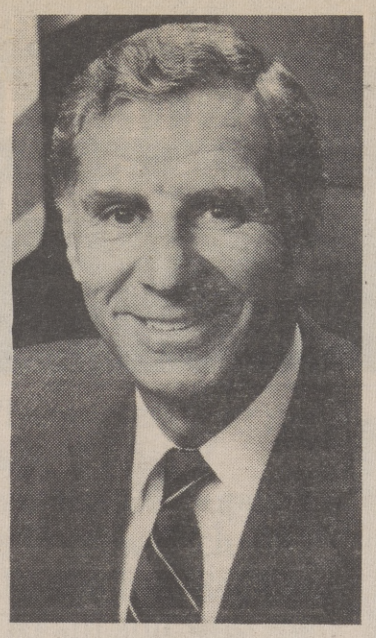
republican lawmaker Senator John Doolittle, believe that the Family Planning Program as it exists promotes promiscuous sexual behavior among teenagers. Deukmejian has also stated that he believes the Family Planning Program should be limited to education and counseling and should not provide contraceptives and other health services to patients.

On the opposite side of the issue is Assemblyman Bruce Bronzan, D-Fresno, who authored a compromise bill, AB 99, which just passed into a law. The bill restored $20 million to the Office of Family Planning. Originally AB 99 was slated to restore $23,155,000, but was later negotiated to $20 million. This law specifically denies the clinics the ability to fund abortions or any services supplementary to abortions (such as post-abortion examinations). Any clinic that receives funding

It is reassuring to see the overwhelming support shown by the members of the legislature.

through the Family Planning Budget would not be allowed to "advertise, advocate or promote abortion as a method of family planning." Furthermore, clinics would have to agree to independent audits to enforce the anti-abortion language.

One important fiscal consideration for passing the bill into



Governor George Deukmejian.

law is the savings Family Planning provides the state. Family Planning provides health related services to fiscally disadvantaged women who, in consideration of their inability to afford private medical care, see a doctor or counselor for the first time. This encourages an opportunity to administer physical or mental health needs that would go undetected. This diminishes the amount of indigent within other local and state programs. While AB 99 became law without the Governor's signature his choice not to veto was obviously influenced by the overwhelming bi-partisan support from both the Senate and the Assembly.

Even though the Governor is willing to cut health services to those who are most needy, it is reassuring to see the overwhelming support shown by the members of the legislature.

A final issue to be resolved is the lawsuit pending against the state for the reinstating of the Family Planning funds. At present the filing parties are working on the technical mechanics to withdraw the suit.

Sacramento Aid To AIDS

$20,000 Given to Hand to Hand

SATA (Sacramento Aid to AIDS), on January 22, presented the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand project with a donation for $20,000 bringing SATA's total contribution for the project to $41,600.

Stan Hadden, President of the SAF Board said, "I am overwhelmed by the progress and support accomplished by SATA. They are truly an example for us all. Their significant donation will support and touch many whose quality of life will be enhanced through the services provided by the Hand to Hand project."

The group SATA was formed in 1987 primarily to involve the heterosexual community in educating the general public regarding AIDS and to raise funds for the Hand-to-Hand project. The group has been actively fundraising for the project by organizing such past events as the "The Faces of AIDS" in 1988, the Artists' Fashion Show in 1988 and 1989 and co-sponsored, with the Daughters of Penelope, a fashion show in 1988. SATA also cosponsored a series of plays about AIDS with the Sacramento Area Regional Theater Association in 1989.

The SATA group is currently working to bring the Names Project to the Community Center Exhibit Hall with panels scheduled to be displayed April 28 thru April 30. SATA is currently coordinating quilting bees to encourage individuals to sew panels to memorialize people who have died of AIDS. The group is contacting businesses and organizations to sponsor the event and raise the $20,000 required to cover the expected expenses for the public show. SATA invites those in the community who would like to volunteer their time and energy to the project. For more information on SATA and ways you can help call (916) 441-6428.

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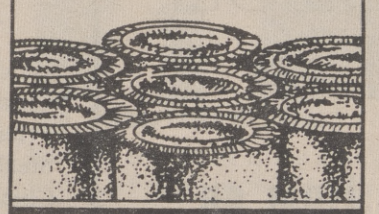

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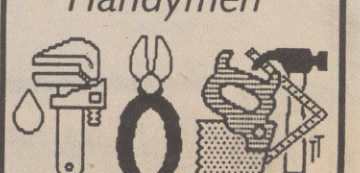

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Boycott Against Conference Grows

by **Celeste Michalski**

As the June 90 Int'l Conference on AIDS in S.F. draws closer, the list of boycotting health and AIDS Support organizations continues to grow, including the Shanti Project of S.F., the Int'l Red Cross, the British Red Cross, OxFam and Save the Children. In fact, the very existence and effectiveness of the Conference is jeopardized by the growing boycott .

The organizations participating in the boycott are not in conflict with the Conference itself, however, they have engaged in this boycott to protest the official U.S. policy on HIV + travelers to the U.S. from May of 1989 thru January 1990, the official Immigration and Naturalization policy was that HIV + foreign travelers to the U.S. were allowed 30 days to visit family, conduct business, or receive medical treatment only if they applied for and received a waiver stamp in their passport which states presence of HIV. In addition, U.S. policy required that HIV travelers report their whereabouts to the respective embassies in the U.S.

Unfortunately, both of these requirements targeted HIV travelers for a loss of confidentiality in their homeland, as well as to quarantine and discrimination.

However, on February 24, the INS eased the restrictive policy somewhat with the following responses to two of the objectionable requirements:

– The INS agreed to "route waiver requests through high-up American officials, rather than embassy employees who are foreign nationals."

– The 2nd concession by the INS was to allow the traveler to place HIV + identifying waiver on a separate piece of paper, rather than in the passport.

Boycotting organizations and AIDS activists oppose the previous restrictions based on 5 points:

1) Application for the waiver could lead to the loss of confidentiality in the HIV +'s homeland.

2) The U.S. waiver stamps in a passport could target the holder for discrimination or quarantine

3) That all Int'l health authorities oppose all restrictions on the free movement of HIV +'s.

4) That viral transmission can just as easily occur on a 30-

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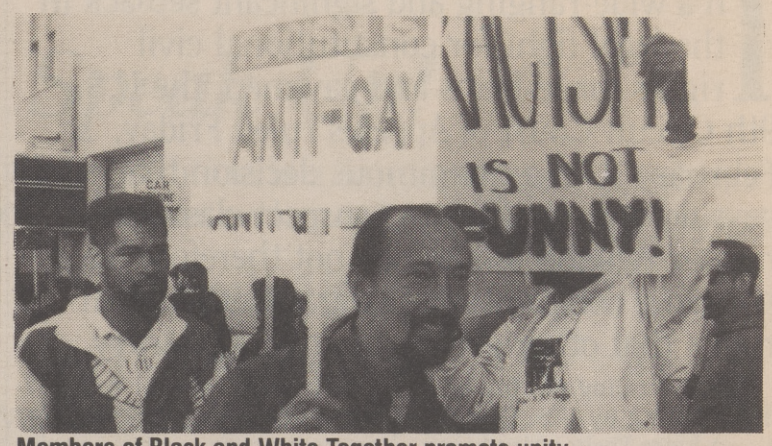

Members of Black and White Together promote unity.

BWMT Holds Rally

by **Arturo Jackson III**

'On January 21st, 'Does Your Mother Know' a popular card shop in the Castro district, the heart of San Francisco's gay community was the scene of a demonstration coordinated by the local chapter of Black and White Men Together.

The focus of the Sunday afternoon demonstration, supported by over 50 individuals, was to address the issue of Racism. BWMT charges that the owner of the card shop along with other Castro retailers we're selling out community concerns for the sake of making a profit. Several complaints from customers regarding items such as the black "mammy" cookie jar, a "pickaninny" doll and a greeting card depicting poor black children begging for gifts are racially offensive and ignored by the store's management. The store manager, Don Owens, confronted the protesters and stated "I will sell anything I want in my store as long as there is a market for the goods". Mr. Owens has since resigned.

The store owner, Frank Ortiz was out of town at the time of the protest action and decided to remove the merchandise in question and resolve the concerns raised by the protesters. According to Mr. Ortiz, "Its the gay 90's and we don't want any ill will in the community. I decided it was best to remove the items from the store". Representatives involved in coordinating the protest action have visited the card shop to personally thank Frank Ortiz and the staff for their quick and sensitive response removing the offensive merchandise.

The group, Black and White Men Together acknowledges that the card shop, 'Does Your Mother Know' was one of a handful of shops in the Castro district selling the offensive merchandise. 'Does Your Mother Know' is the primary card retailer in the area and was targeted as the initial action in a movement to address the issue of racism in gay communities across the country. According to Thom Bean of BWMT, the targeting of 'Does Your Mother Know' and the managements insensitivity towards racial issues made it "an excellent place to start."

Barney Frank Faces Civil Suit

by **Keith Clark**

In an unusual alliance between the fundamentalist right-wing and a leading progressive public interest attorney, has led to a civil lawsuit against embattled Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) in his on-going problems surrounding his relationship with a male prostitute, Steven L. Gobie.

Attorney John F. Banzhaf III, with the financial backing of the right-wing Conservative Caucus, filed a lawsuit in Superior Court seeking to force Frank into court. He alleged that Congressman Frank had permitted a prostitution operation that Gobie claims he ran out of Frank's apartment in the Southeast section of the city.

Banzhaf, representing two fundamentalist ministers, John Martin of the Holy Comforter Baptist Church, and Cleveland Sparrow, pastor of the Sparrowworld Baptist Church, petitioned for a temporary injunction against Frank.

Among the allegations in the Banzhaf complaint is the assertion that Frank "invited Mr. Gobie to his apartment where Mr.

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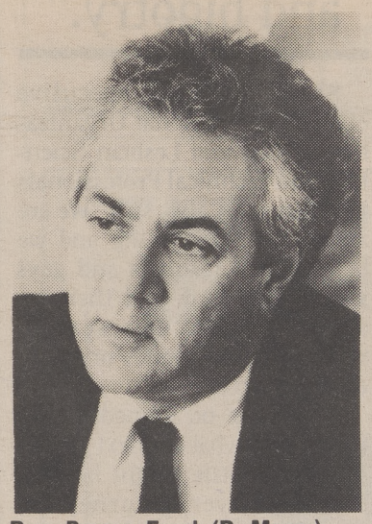

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Ruling Hinders Gay Rights

by **Keith Clark**

In a wide-ranging and significant setback in the legal fight for constitutional civil rights for lesbians and gay men, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday, February 2, in a unanimous decision that gays do not constitute a "suspect class," as race or religion do, and do not therefore have the same constitutional guarantees of equal rights that other groups do in this country.

The 3-0 ruling overturned a 1987 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Thelton Henderson that called the U.S. Defense Department's security clearance policies concerning lesbians and gays "irrational" and violation of the civil rights of homosexuals under the Constitution.

In issuing its ruling, the Court of Appeals ordered the case returned to District Court for a revised decision favoring the Defense Department. The ruling from the 9th Circuit Court establishes a legal benchmark that must be followed by all federal courts within its jurisdiction in the Western U.S.

Defense Department policies on security clearances for lesbians and gays do not automatically exclude homosexuals from the approval process needed by many private industry contractors to work on military and other sensitive or secret government programs. But High Tech Gays, a national organization based in San Jose, argued that the Defense Department usually runs lengthy investigations of up to one year into the backgrounds of lesbians or gays before completing their inquiry. By comparison, the group said, security clearance checks on heterosexuals usually take only two to three months.

Because of this delay, lesbians and gays working for high technology firms often are transferred to other projects or laid off before the government finishes its investigation.

But the breadth of the 9th Circuit court ruling, in holding that homosexuality itself is a behavioral trait and not an "immutable" characteristic, potentially throws a number of lesbian/gay civil rights issues that have been established in previous court rulings into doubt.

Shock and dismay seems to be the general reaction among lesbian/gay activists concerned with the case. Rick Rudy, president of High Tech Gays said, "I'm mystified . . . it certainly doesn't seem that they (the Court of Appeals) were addressing the straight-forward issue that Judge Henderson saw and ruled on and they're attacking an entirely different issue which apparently seems to be laced with homophobia and bigotry."

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Shelly Diamond, executive chair of the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals in Pasadena, Calif., said "We are appalled at this ruling and we believe that lesbians and gays should not be denied their respective fields of research, whether in academics or in industry or in defense."

There was no immediate decision as to what the next step in the legal battle might be, but Richard Gayer, attorney for High Tech Gays, did indicate that one option being considered was appealing the three-panel decision to the full 11-member 9th Circuit Court of Appeals for a re-hearing.

Bigot Loses Seat

by **Keith Clark**

On February 6, AIDS rights opponent and fundamentalist minister, Lloyd Mashore, was charged in Superior Court that he was not qualified to be a candidate at the time he filed for the office and that he was therefore not legally elected to a council seat.

At Tuesday night's lengthy council meeting, however, Mashore showed up to claim the disputed seat anyway.

Mashore, who gained wide notoriety in his campaign to repeal Concord's AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance, got over 8,600 votes in the November 7 elections, the second highest vote in a field of 16 candidates for three available council seats.

A citizen's group, led by Danny DeMiglio and Mary Bacon immediately began a legal challenge to Mashore, claiming that the house he owns in nearby Clayton was his real residence, and not the Concord apartment that he claimed on election filing forms.

"I think a man who has, in the eyes of a judge of the superior court, been found not qualified to hold the office," DeMiglio said, "should at least respect the city enough to step down."

Attorneys at Tuesday night's meeting told council members there was no legal precedent in California for such a disqualification, and Concord officials were unclear exactly how a new council member might be selected under these circumstances. A general consensus seemed to be that, in fact, June Bulman, as the candidate next in line from the November 7 election, would be asked to take the seat if Mashore loses his appeal.

Because of the political nature of the case, which could present legal challenges to any action taken by the City Council while Mashore continues to hold his seat, the legal proceedings in the appeals court are being put on an "expedited" course to hasten a resolution to the controversy. Legal experts say there should be an appeals ruling within thirty days.

Gay/Lesbian Ministers Ordained

by **Michael Sestak**

In defiance of church policy, Phyllis Zillhart, Ruth Frost and former Sacramentan Jeff Johnson became the first openly lesbian and gay ministers of the Lutheran Church.

The independent minded candidates for the ministry were ordained on January 20 by more than 40 Lutheran clerics in an elaborate ceremony that risked expulsion and drew more than 700 supporters and national media attention.

Seven Lutheran churches in Seattle, Chicago and other cities were linked by telephone to the two hour ordination ceremony at St. Pauls Church in San Francisco. The otherwise traditional service included an all-male drum corps, a male dancer in leotards, and the Lord's Prayer addressed to "Mother Father" in heaven. Performing with the choir was a contingent from the Sacramento Men's Chorus.

After vowing faithfulness to Scripture and church creeds, support for gay and lesbian rights, relationships and marriage, the three were proclaimed as Christian clergy. Cheers, applause, and accompanying drumbeats resounded through the vaults of the Gothic style church for nearly two minutes.

The ordinations represent a historic foothold in mainstream Christianity by gays, whose sexual orientation has been tolerated for the past 20 years only if it wasn't consummated.

In an ironic twist, Jeff Johnson is a longtime personal friend of Lutheran Bishop Lyle Miller of Alameda, who has refused to sanction the ordination. "Lyle was my parish pastor when I was

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AZT Dosage Update

by **Arturo Jackson III**

On January 30th The Food and Drug Administration's 'Anti-Viral Drug Products Advisory Committee on AZT' issued a memorandum recommending that "zidovudine (AZT) should be made available to individuals with a T4 count less than 500".

The advisory committee reviewed data from two clinical trials this past year, protocols 016 and protocol 019 both studying the benefits of AZT in individuals with early AIDS related symptoms and individuals who were asymptomatic.

The studies involved over 2,000 individuals and the data overwhelming concluded that AZT significantly delayed onset of AIDS related symptoms in the trial volunteers. According to the committee, "AZT has been shown to delay onset of AIDS in HIV infected individuals whose T4 counts are 500 or less. While this benefit has been clearly established, the committee emphasizes the need to carefully document the potential risks associated with prolonged AZT therapy." The advisory committee concluded that the benefits of AZT outweighed the issue of toxicity and individuals should have the ultimate decision of beginning treatment with the drug. The FDA is expected to accept the recommendations of the advisory committee and issue official guidelines within a few weeks.

"AZT remains the best available therapy for the disease" according to Dr. Michael Gottlieb

In a related announcement delivered January 16, federal officials recommended that people diagnosed with AIDS or advanced AIDS related complex take only half the previously recommended dosage of AZT. The FDA recommendations were announced after reviewing data from a 2½ year study that compared high and low doses of AZT among more than 500 study volunteers. Researchers concluded that patients in the low-dose trial group tolerated the drug better than individuals in the high-dose group, without a decrease in effectiveness.

The Food and Drug Administration said new labeling approved for the drug would advise that AZT be administered for long-term therapy at the half dosage level of 600 milligrams a day, rather than the previously recommended 1,200 milligrams. The FDA noted, however, that patients should receive the higher dose for at least one month before initiating the lower amount. The agency also warned that the effectiveness of the lower dose on the neurological problems experienced by many individuals with acquired immune deficiency syndrome was still unknown.

"AZT remains the best available therapy for the disease," according to Dr. Michael Gottlieb, a Los Angeles physician whose practice is devoted almost exclusively to people with AIDS. The physician added, "this new information on the lower dose should encourage patients with AIDS to choose it as the backbone of their medical regimen." Individuals living with an HIV diagnosis are strongly encouraged to monitor the health of their immune system and confer with their physician about AZT intervention if the T4 cell count is within the FDA guidelines.

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Radical Women To Meet On West Coast

Santa Monica- Radical Women will hold its 23rd anniversary conference here Feb. 17 – 20. The conference, entitled "The Third Wave of Feminism: A Candidly Revolutionary Approach," will "chart a course for militant feminist organizing" and is expected to draw hundreds of feminists, radicals, community activists, and students from across the U.S., as well as participants from Europe, Latin America and Australia.

Conference organizers said that some of the issues to be addressed will include rekindling a multi-racial leadership of the feminist movement, winning abortion rights and sexual freedom, stopping the rise of neofacism, and waging war on poverty, ageism and ableism.

There will be three keynote speakers: Martha Cotera, Chicana feminist, theoretician and author of 'Diosa y Hembra: The History and Heritage of Chicanas in the U.S.'; Clara Fraser, Jewish labor and civil rights activist and socialist feminist pioneer; and Merle Woo, Asian American lesbian educator and free speech fighter.

The conference will be held at the Bay View Plaza, 530 Pico Blvd. The site is wheelchair accessible and childcare will be provided with advance notification. For more information, call (415) 8641278 or write the Radical Women National Office, 523 A Valencia, San Francisco, Calif. 94110.

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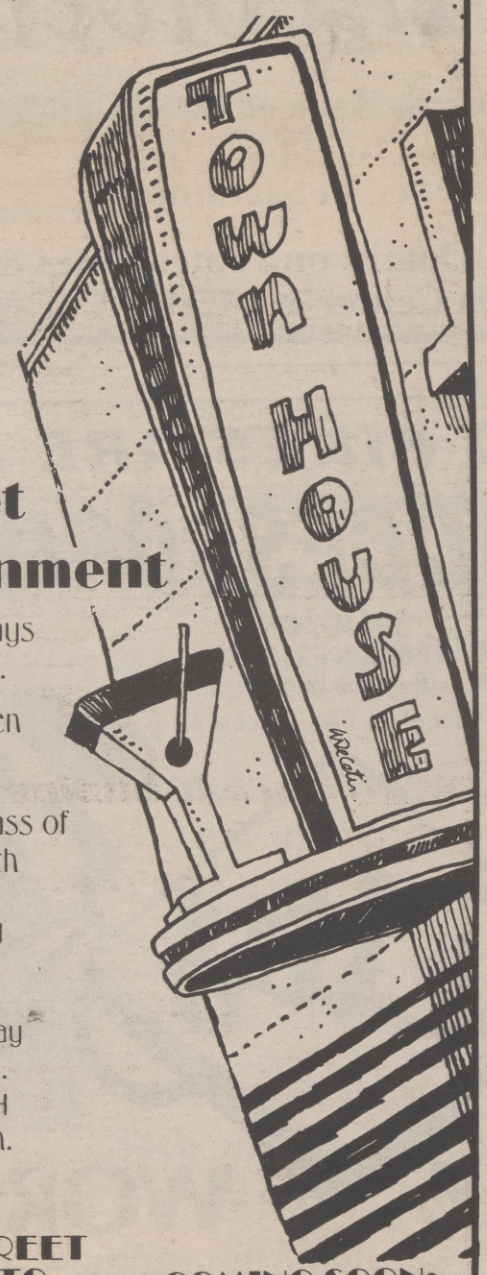

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Anti-Gay Violence Up 67% in 1989

Reports of anti-lesbian, anti-gay hate violence increased 67% in 1989 according to a report released in January by the San Francisco based organization, Community United Against Violence (CUAV).

The report documents 331 prejudice-based incidents committed throughout San Francisco and Northern California in 1989, compared to 198 the previous year. These incidents involved 458 victims of violence, an increase of 103%.

"The issue of hate violence received a tremendous amount of attention last year," said CUAV Executive Director Barbara Cameron. "More people knew we were here to talk to, and we expanded our ability to take reports of verbal incidents."

Of the 331 reports received by CUAV, 180 (54%) were physical assaults, 54 (16%) were threats, 20 (6%) were vandalism, and 77 (23%) were verbal.

A record number of 78 women were involved in reported incidents during the year, comprising 18% of the 458 people involved in the 331 reports. This brought a total of 388% in the number of reported women victims, up from 16 women, or 7% of all victims, in 1988.

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Report Criticizes Military Policy

Following the release of "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability," an internal Department of Defense report which openly criticizes the DOD policy of excluding and discharging gay men and lesbians from the Armed Forces, the Pentagon is extremely vulnerable to political pressure to rescind its homophobic and dangerous policy, says the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project.

The report invites Congressional intervention and Project leaders are urging citizens to contact their representatives and ask for their work toward recision of the DOD policy.

The Second Stone

Lesbian Couple Adopts Toddler

San Francisco- A lesbian couple who won the right to adopt a 2-year-old boy with AIDS denounced a policy against adoptions by unmarried couples in California and other states.

Attorney Roberta Achtenberg, director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said Millie Jessen and Sue Pavlik, partners for five years, were victims of repressive state policy that promotes the institution of marriage rather than pursuing children's welfare on a case-by-case basis.

Associated Press

Who's That Girl?

Naples, Italy – The Miss Italy contestant from this city caused a commotion at the nati nal pageant when it was learned that she, in fact, was a transvestite. Miss Naples, who entered the contest as Lisa Visonti but whose name is actually Vincenzo, got involved in the pageant as part of a stunt staged by the Milan-based gay magazine 'Babilonia', according to 'Gay Scotland'.

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How To Tell Your Dog You're Gay

Netherlands – The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in Amsterdam has expanded to 24-hour operation. In a press release, volunteers said they are prepared to answer any questions from "How do I tell my dog I'm gay?" to "Where do I find a lesbian transvestite?" Phone: 011 31 20 23 65 65.

San Diego Gay Times

School Board Backs Gay Rights

Novato School Board voted 5-2 last week to add a narrowly defined social-orientation discrimination clause to employment policies.

The policy forbids discrimination against hiring "heterosexuals, homosexuals and bisexuals," according to a school district spokesperson.

The specific language was adopted following vocal opposition to the measure by religious fundamentalists who claimed that vaguely worded sexual orientation clauses would allow pedophiles and sex offenders to be employed by the district.

The vote goes before the Board for its third reading next month.

Bay Area Reporter

Fundamentalists, Gay Activists Collide

While right-wing fundamentalists in Australia were declaring a "war on homosexuality," an estimated 2,000 anti-gay Christians in Sydney took to the streets to "cleanse Sydney of sin and immorality" in an attempt to close down Australia's largest and most popular gay pride parade, the annual Gay Mardi Gras. The fundamentalist protestors were however, overwhelmed and outflanked by more than 5,000. The counter-protest turned into a yelling and shoving match between the two groups.

No serious injuries were reported although a number of people were scraped and bruised during the melee before additional police officers were called in to disband both groups.

Southern Voice

Hungarian Government Apologizes To Gays

Budapest, Hungary – The Hungarian government officially apologized to a lesbian and gay organization after police raided Homeros Lambda's headquarters last spring. According to 'Dare', police entered the Homeros Lambda office in March 1989, knocked down the receptionist and took two gay men into custody. Officials now claim that the officers were acting on their own, without authorization from supervising police.

The organization is the first Eastern European gay and lesbian group that has been officially recognized by its government.

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a kid . . . that has made the struggle much more intense," said Johnson, a recent graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley.

The bishop, citing church rules barring homosexuals from engaging in sexual activity, has said if the three ministers "are practicing their homosexuality, their call cannot be recognized."

The ordination has bitterly spilt the 5.3 million member Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, which was created in 1988 as a merger of three large Lutheran denominations.

and gay couples.

Frost and Zillhart, a couple for the past five years, were chosen to work with Johnson.

"It's time for the church to catch up with the rest of the world and recognize the legitimacy of gay and lesbian relationships," said Rev. John Frykman of First United Lutheran Church, one of the two congregations that sponsored the ordination. Lutheran leaders resistance to openly gay ministers "is based on some old Bible passage that says homosexuality is sinful," Frykman said.

"Homosexuals need to be supported in their intimate relationships," said Johnson who predicted that the current dispute will force Lutheran leaders to deal with an issue that has been ignored up to now.

> "It's time for the church to catch up with the rest of the world and recognize the legitimacy of gay and lesbian relationships"

Johnson refused to take the pledge, prompting Miller, bishop of Northern California and Nevada, to withdraw support for Johnson's ordination.

Church members in the Bay area, angered by the bishop's actions, rallied behind Johnson and formed the Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministry, whose mission is to minister to lesbian

The dispute has already resulted in much debate throughout Bay Area congregations. Elements of Lutheran hierarchy are currently deliberating disciplinary measures including expulsion of the ordination sponsors in an attempt to reassert their previous position.

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day business trip as a 31 day pleasure trip.

5) And finally, that it is ridiculous that the U.S. with the highest AIDS cases in the world, is trying to "stop the virus at its own borders."

However, the lessening of U.S. restrictive policy hasn't stemmed the growing boycott of the upcoming AIDS conference. The conference organizers find the boycott disappointing, yet understand the commitment of the boycotting organizations.

"Should the U.S. gov't remove travel restrictions from people infected with HIV," says Eric Rofes, exec. director, "the Shanti Board of Directors will reconsider the agency's position."

The AIDS Conference organizers continue to work towards the elimination of all travel restrictions for those HIV + by working with the U.S. State Dept., Dept. of Health and Human Services and Justice Dept. as well as different members of Congress.

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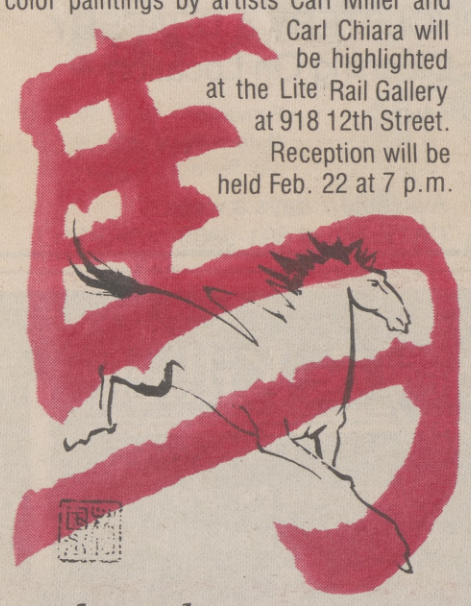

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THURSDAYS

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Being Alive Living Room from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center. A drop in casual setting for persons living with HIV. For more info call 442-0185.

Eyes On The Prize, a film presentation in celebration of Black History Month in room 2040 of the Capitol from 12 -1 p.m.

16 friday

Buddy Connection '90 will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop is a free, fun-filled play/workshop designed to encourage sexually active men to be safe and take charge of their sex lives. Workshop will be held at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. For more information contact Joe Chase of the SAF at (916) 448-2437.

FRIDAYS

Cafe' Lambda, a weekly coffee house at the Lambda Community Center 1931 L Street, provides an alternative to the bars. A great place for making new friends, featuring gourmet coffee, mouth-watering desserts and good conversation.

Western Dance Class at River City Metropolitan Community Church located at 34th and Broadway streets. The classes are held in the social hall and begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (916) 454-4762.

17 saturday

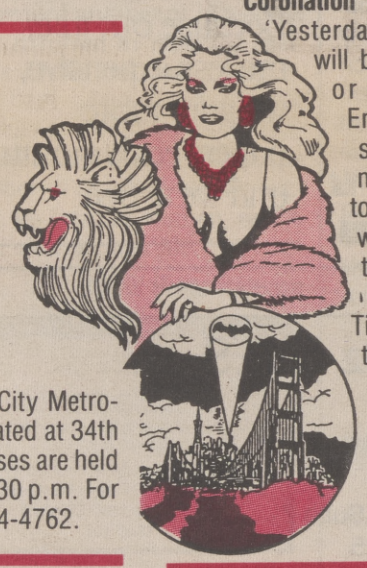
Valentine Sweethearts Dance, produced by SACWN, (Sacramento Area Career Women's Network) at Fraternity Hall, 1025 9th Street. Social Hour 7 p.m., Dance 8 – 12 p.m.. An event for women 21 years or older.

The Lambda Players will hold auditions at 7 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. The non-profit community based acting group encourages men and women to audition for the March production. For more information contact Neil Treganza at the Lambda Community Center at (916) 442-0185.

"Nuts & Bolts Party" at the Wreck Room bar located at 2513 Broadway will begin approximately at 9 p.m. A fun excuse to meet men at the hottest levi/country western/leather bar in town. For more information call (916) 456-1181.

18 sunday

SATA (Sacramento Aid to AIDS) hosts a quilt sewing gathering to commemorate to work on panels for the upcoming AIDS Memorial Quilt to be shown at the Community Center Exhibit Hall at the end of April. Quilt party will be held at Joseph's Town and Country from 12 – 4 p.m. For more information call SATA at (916) 441-6428.



Coronation '90, San Francisco. 'Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow' will be the evening Emperor Jerry Coletti and Empress Pat Montclair step down as new monarchs are elected to rule S.F.. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Gift Center Pavilion, 888 Brannan, S.F.. Tickets range from $10. to $100., call (415) 431-0253 for info.

SUNDAYS

'Pig-Out' at the Wreck Room, a 10 year tradition from 5 - 11 p.m. All the draft beer, wine or soda (and hot men) you can handle for one low price at the levi/country western/leather bar located at 2513 Broadway.

19 monday

Women's Rap Group will share "Coming Out Stories" from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information contact the Lambda Community Center at 442-0185.

MONDAYS

Women's Rap Group and Social. 7 – 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call the center at (916) 442-0185.

20 tuesday

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will hold a group discussion focusing on "Understanding and Supporting our Gay/Lesbian Children" at 7:30 p.m. The discussion will be held at the United Methodist Church in the Education building located at 2391 St. Marks Way. For more information contact Merrill or Muriel Follansbee and PFLAG at 444-9510.

TUESDAYS

Heart to Heart meets from 6:30 p.m. at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation training space, 1900 K Street, upstairs. A gay/bisexual men's support group promoting healthy choices and personal growth. For more info, contact SAF at (916) 448-2437.

'People Together', a spiritual support group for individuals living with HIV, AIDS/ARC and any other catastrophic disease. Group is open to relatives, lovers and friends and meets at 815 W St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Dan O'Shaughnessy at (916) 454-4762.

21 wednesday

CGNIE (Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire) hosts a bingo party at the Mercantile Saloon. Call 447-0792.

22 thursday

"A Celebration of African-American Achievement" is a multi-media presentation and panel discussions focusing on African-American achievements in the arts. Presentation will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Redwood room of the University Union at Sacramento State University. For more information call (916) 278-6595.

23 friday

'Dating Game' is presented by Pillars, a gay social networking group at their bi-monthly dinner meeting. Singles are invited to participate in the game. Dancing for all will follow the game. For more information and reservations contact Pillars at (916) 455-1771.

"A Hollywood Affair" is an art benefit for the CARES Clinic and will be held at the Tower Gallery located at 1841 El Camino Avenue. A reception will be held from 6 – 9 p.m. with benefit tickets $25 minimum donation. For more info call 924-1001.

March

1 thursday

Dell Richards author of 'Lesbian Lists' will read from her book at Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 7 p.m..

2 friday

CAESARS

'k.d. lang & the reclines' will perform at Caesars at Lake Tahoe. Tickets available at local Ticketron outlets or call Caesars Tahoe at 1 800 648-3353. Mar 2 – 3

3 saturday

Fantasy Beer Bash at the Wreck Room located at 2513 Broadway. Those planning on attending are encouraged to wear their favorite fantasy illusion. Partial proceeds raised will go to local charities. For more information call (916) 456-1181.

5 monday

'Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' will perform at the Arco Arena at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the Arco Arena box office at (916) 928-8499.

Women's Rap Group will discuss "Saying I Do" from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

10 saturday

FLAGS, the Foothill Lesbian and Gay Society monthly potluck. For more information write FLAGS, P.O. Box 4982, Auburn, CA. 95604.

Buddy Connection '90 will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The workshop is a free, fun-filled play/workshop designed to encourage sexually active men to be safe. Workshop will be held at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation training space located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. For more information contact Joe Chase of the SAF at (916) 448-2437.

11 sunday

The Lambda Auction of 1990 will be hosted by the Lambda Letters Project at the Lambda Community Center from 3 to 5 p.m. The organizers of the event promise lots of interesting and fun items on the auction block and all for a worthwhile cause. For more information on participating and to donate items call (916) 965-6851.

12 monday

Grupo Latino, HIV + Support Group for Latin men and women will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the SAF offices, Suite 200. For more information call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at (916) 448-2437.

Candlelight vigil at the Capitol, call the Lambda Community Center at 442-0185 for more information.

Women's Rap Group potluck from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. Bring a dish to share. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

13 tuesday

Rally at the Capitol to draw attention to the homophobic, Traditional Values Coalition conference being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Call the Lambda Community Center for details. 442-0185.

Adrian Rich, lesbian/feminist poet will read from her work at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento, 7:30 p.m. More information may be obtained by contacting Sandy at (916) 457-6881.

14 wednesday

The Crocker Art Museum presents 'Korean Ceramics in Perspective' with guest speaker Richard Mellot, Curator of Education, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street. For more information call (916) 449-5423.

15 thursday

'Healthwatch: Update on HIV Treatments' with Neil Flynn, M.D. will be presented at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. The workshop will offer the latest information on available HIV treatments and their pros and cons. For more information contact Joe Chase at the SAF offices at (916) 448-2437.

16 friday

'Camping Women' coordinates a Whale Watching trip at Point Reyes. For more information call (916) 366-3762.

March 16 – 18

Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest sponsored by the Sacramento Leather Association will be held at the Wreck Room bar located at 2513 Broadway.

17 saturday

St. Patrick's Day!

Camp Awards, at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. for more information call (916) 457-7920.

18 sunday

The Breakfast Club meets at the Western, 2001 K Street. 7 – 9 a.m., biscuits and gravy provided.

Tacky Pajama Party at the Mercantile Saloon, 1928 L Street, 12 – 3 p.m.. Prize for the tackiest pajamas, a fundraiser to bring the NAMES Project Quilt to Sacramento.

24 saturday

Sacramento Women's Chorus presents a silent auction at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street. For more information call Dorothy at (916) 757-2189.

The Sacramento Gender Association will hold a dinner and social hour. Nomination of officers is on the business agenda with elections on March 24. For more information call the SGA at (916) 441-8379.

25 sunday

'Tears for Fears' with special guest Deborah Harry will perform at the Arco Arena at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the Arco Arena box office at (916) 928-8499.

26 monday

Women's Rap Group will have an open rap session from 7 - 9 p.m at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

'Lesbians Loving Latex: Women's Sexuality in the 90's' presented by Julie Weckstein, M.S.W. Intern, The workshop is for lesbians and bisexual women and will discuss and explore the impact of HIV on their sexuality. The workshop will be held at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. For more information contact Joe Chase at the SAF offices at (916) 448-2437.

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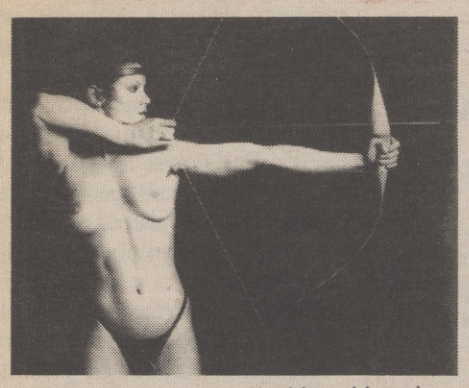

'Outlook', monthly gay/lesbian video show will highlight Film director Marc Huestis (Men in Love), the Robert Mapplethorpe exhibit in Berkeley and women in wheelchairs forming a basketball league. The show will be shown at 10:30 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 47.

27 tuesday

'Outlook', monthly gay/lesbian video show repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 47.

28 wednesday

'Outlook', monthly gay/lesbian video show repeated at 12:30 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 47.

CGNIE auction hosted by Empress XV, La Kish Hayworth, 8 p.m.

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Starting Loving With Yourself For Valentines Day

by **Sue C.**

When I was asked to submit an article on loving myself, I had to smile in recognition of how much my life has changed in the past few years.

Life is a fascinating and exciting process, and I feel fortunate to be able to learn new things, meet new friends, and grow in awareness. I am eager to begin each day, knowing that new experiences await. For the most part, I am happy — able to be grateful for what I have rather than petulant about what I may lack — for I truly have everything I really need. I do look forward to the time when I may be able to share with a partner in an honest, loving, caring, intimate relationship in which we may both continue to grow. In the meantime, I am pleased to be who I am for I have become a whole person.

The quality of the relationship I have with myself determines the quality of the relationship I will have with you.

Not too long ago, I may have described self love as a solitary, sexual experience. Today my concept is entirely different. Loving myself encompasses both attitude and action.

At this time of year when "everyone else" seems to be coupled and love is a media event, it can be difficult to remember that loving ourselves is perhaps the most difficult thing we can do. The quality of the relationship I have with myself determines the quality of the relationship I will have with you.

Another necessary ingredient for loving and taking care of myself is embodied in that old cliche "To Thine Own Self Be True". It is a simple concept but not always an easy one. It requires self-knowledge and self-honesty, as well as the courage to share my true self with others. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have spent a great deal of my life trying to change myself to meet the needs of someone else. Today I find that when I am true to myself and honestly share with you who I am, it works out best for everyone. My fear that you wouldn't like who I really am and would reject me has been, for the most part, unfounded. Today my life is filled with loving friends.

Simple things are frequently overlooked or forgotten because of the pressures of everyday life, but they can make a vast difference in overall health and comfort — nutrition, exercise, rest, relaxation and enjoying hobbies or special interest. Granted, these things can be delightful when shared, but it is also important to remember that I deserve to and am responsible for taking care of myself. What a concept!

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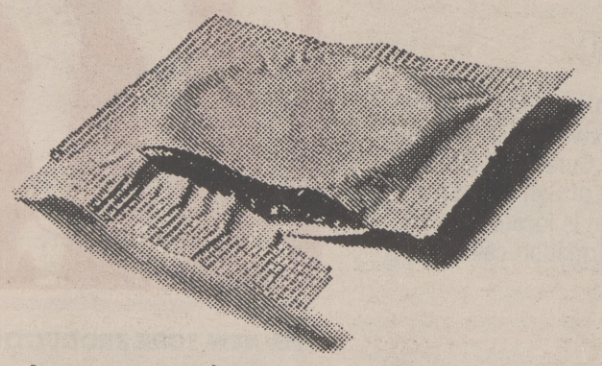

You have every right to expect your partner to respect and protect your health. If you're having sex, be sure you're using a Latex condom every time. For more information, call the AIDS hotline in Northern California at 1-800-367-2437, or the Sacramento Stop AIDS Project at 442-5801.

SACRAMENTO STOP AIDS PROJECT

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BUDDY CONNECTION/90

"What gets you HOT? How can you make that SAFE?"

BUDDY CONNECTION/90 is a free, fun-filled play/workshop designed to help sexually active men be safe and make condoms user friendly. Through games and role plays, hot videos and tips on using condoms, men are encouraged to take charge of their sex lives and eliminate unsafe sex.

BUDDY CONNECTION/90 workshops are held at the SAF Training Space, 1900 K Street, Upstairs.

The next ***BUDDY CONNECTION*** is:
Friday, February 17, 7-9 p.m.
Saturday March 10, 3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28, 7-9 p.m.

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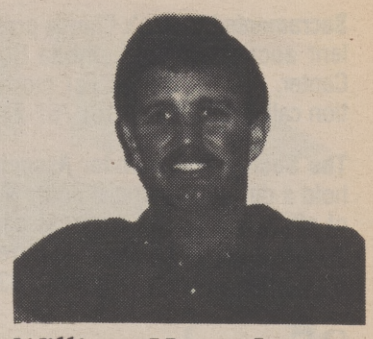

William Harry Lemen
July 5, 1948 – December 18, 1989

Bill died in his sleep at his home near Lake Tahoe on December 18, 1989. He was blessed with good health most of the 29 months he was battling AIDS. He became ill December 16 as the result of a reaction to Compound Q.

Bill was a native of Sacramento and he lived most of his life there. He found satisfaction working with people. His jobs included helping children with cystic fibrosis and eating disorders at Stanford Childrens' Hospital, and counseling troubled youth with the California Youth Authority. Bill spent the last decade of his career helping people buy and sell real estate in Sacramento.

During his life Bill developed many special relationships with people because he understood unconditional love. Bill is survived by his companion of nine months Joe Swain of South Lake Tahoe, former lovers Tom Sachs and Jerry O'Brien, and best friend Craig Chester all of Sacramento. He was preceded in death by former lover David Reeder. Bill also leaves his parents Frank and Lois of Sacramento; his brothers Dick of Pacific Palisades, and Jack of Merced; and his sisters Virginia Richards of Diablo and Jane Brearly of Auburn and a multitude of friends.

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on December 21, 1989. Donations in Bill's memory can be made to the Bill Lemen Memorial Fund established by the South Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force. The fund will be used to plant a grove of trees in Bill's memory.

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MIND & BODY

It's All in Your Head

by **Dr. Lynn McNeal**

Headaches are second only to low back pain as the primary complaint of patients. A recent study found about 45 million Americans experience chronic headaches, which translates to 150 million work days lost and 50 million visits to the doctor per year for headaches.

The treatment of headaches is both elusive and unsatisfactory in many cases. It is difficult for researchers to objectify and quantify a subjective complaint, funding for such research is expensive, and the grouping and classifying of headache types is fuzzy. The treatment protocol for a certain headache class breaks down when a patient seems to fit in between or belong to several groups.

There are at least three major classes of headaches, the cause of each is only superficially understood. The classic "tension headache" moves up from the neck to the head and scalp. It often encircles the head like a vise. The pain can be transitory or last for days.

The second category of headaches is the "cluster headache", effecting primarily men. This type seems to "attack" in violent episodes of one-sided eye and face swelling, tearing and pupil constriction.

The "migraine" type effects females more than men, and is associated with a number of other phenomena, included visual aura, nausea, sensitivity to light, and anorexia. These types of episodes are recurrent, tend to run in families.

A recent report stated that up to 30% of headache patients share symptoms in more than one of these categories, and thus the search for the cause and cure of their often debilitating headaches becomes very difficult.

Some success has been found with drug therapy in alleviating pain. However, the actual cause has still eluded researchers. There is evidence that brain chemicals like Serotonin and Norepinephrine, seem to be involved in the sharpening or deadening of pain as perceived by the central nervous system. How they are associated with the periodicity of headaches is still under investigation.

It would be fairly safe to guess that most people suffer rather silently with their headaches, and seek help only when they are no longer bearable. Most headache patients have a long history of pain and suffering. By the time they present themselves to a doctor, they have had years of attempted remedies that have failed. A physician attempts to put together the pieces of the puzzle that can give answers to your problem (it is important to remember that chronic or sudden severe headaches can indicate other conditions, such as meningitis, brain abscess, eye/ear/nose/mouth lesions. Whatever the cause of a patient's headache, the pain is a distress signal that should not be ignored.)

If a complete physical exam rules out the more ominous pathologies then the doctor can get down to the business of finding the cause. The chronic muscle spasm and stiffness associated with tension headaches can be alleviated with stress reduction, at-home exercises devised for you by your doctor or physical therapist. Bio-feedback, relaxation tapes and supervised at-home traction units have also been beneficial.

Migraine headaches involve constriction of brain vessels with dilation of scalp arteries. The Autonomic Nervous System that controls these functions can be "de-regulated" by certain foods that trigger constriction and dilation adversely. Intake of caffeine, alcohol, MSG, cigarette smoke and certain food allergens, can trigger a migraine.

The overt physical signs of headache, such as chronic stiffness, spasm and decreased range of motion in the neck and upper back can be alleviated by chiropractic, massage, yoga, and exercises. In many cases, adjusting the spine and breaking the cycle of spasm, inflammation and misalignment represents a cure in itself.

There are treatments for headaches – some traditional, others less so – that have been successful. Your doctor can diagnose your type of headache, treat its underlying physical causes, and help you learn how to prevent headaches in the future.

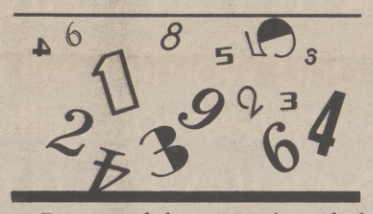
Numerology

It All Adds Up

by **Celeste Brown**

Numerology is the study of numbers and the qualities numbers represent. Every letter corresponds to a number, and every number holds a special vibration or meaning.

This is not a new method, as Numerology has been practiced for thousands of years. Evidence of its' use has been found in prehistoric caves and campsites, through the glory of the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, recorded by the Greeks, and guarded reverently by the Old Testament Hebrews. These were just a few of the ancient cultures which utilized Numerology to determine purpose, destiny, and motivation of individuals and nations.



Do any of these numbers feel familiar? Let's experiment. A personal numerology chart covers several different aspects in an individual's life. The first aspect in the chart is the Birthpath and the information in this aspect is derived form an individual's birthdate.

The Birthpath is the sum of all your birthdate numbers. Say, your birthdate is November 16, 1956. This date is taken down to 11 + 16 + 1956. Now, reduce each double digit to a single digit: 11 = 1 + 1 = 2, 16 = 1 + 6 = 7, 1956 = 1 + 9 + 5 + 6 = 21, 2 + 1 = 3.

Now, add 2 + 7 + 3 = 12, 1 + 2 = 3. This individual would have the 3 Birthpath and characteristics. The 3 is here to learn how to enjoy life to the fullest, to appreciate the beauty of living. The 3 individual is born with the innate gifts of creativity, pleasure, romance, and enthusiasm.

Let's take a look at the actual day of this birthdate. It is the 16, which reduces to 7, (1 + 6 = 7). The day reflects a subfocus on the Birthpath. In this case, the 3 has the basic tendencies of an extrovert, with a natural charm, wit, and manner of ease. The 7 sub-focus indicates an inner strength, an analytical mind, and a spiritual quality.

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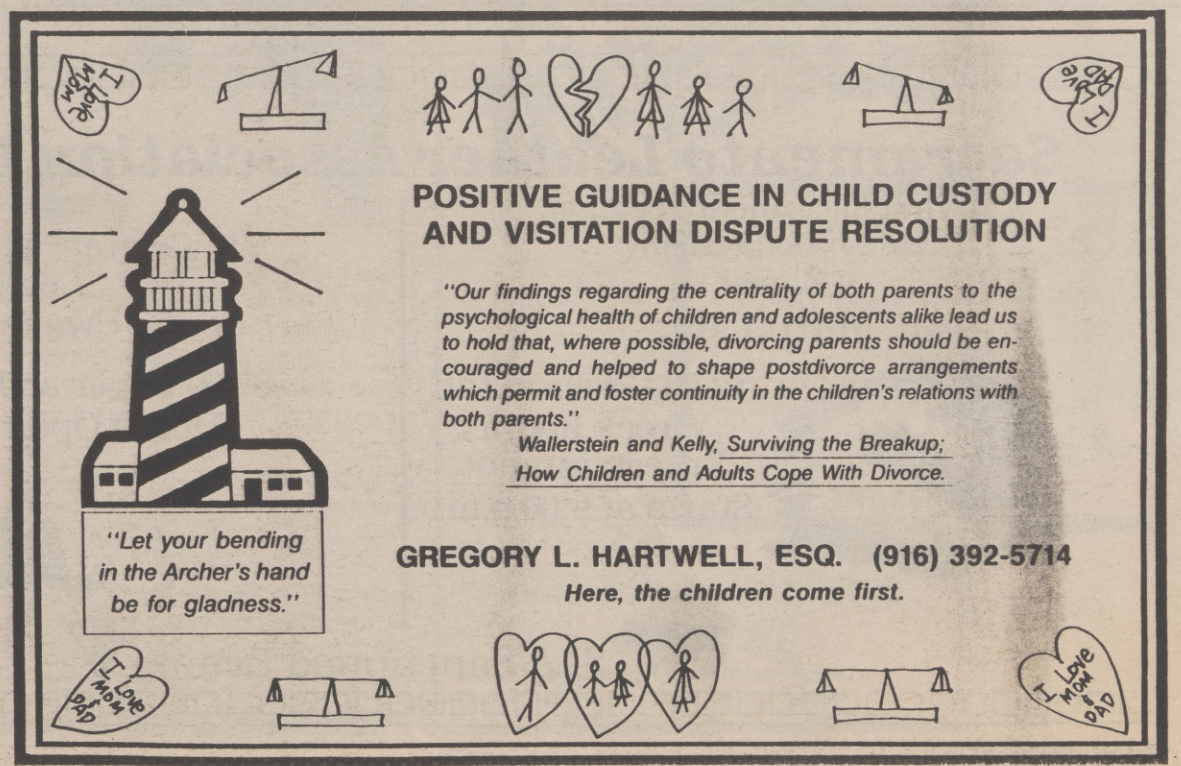

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NIGHT LIFE

Leather Clad Women Inflame Eager Audiences

The cold months of January and February offered two opportunities to warm up with fantasies of leather. On January 27 the Ms. San Francisco Leather competition was held at the Club Townsend and on February 3 Joseph's Town and Country was the site of our own Ms. Leather Sacramento contest.

The line up of contestants of the San Francisco contest.

The Club Townsend in S.F. is one of the many trendy South of Market night spots which has been transformed from warehouse to nightclub by simply dropping a stage at one end of the room and a bar at the other. While such a location does allow for a huge crowd, it is impractical and uncomfortable for a stage show. As no seating was provided, the crowd was forced to watch the show (what could be seen over the heads of those standing in front) while standing pressed against the stage by those behind — excellent for copping feels, terrible for watching a show!

Joseph's Town and Country, on the other hand, provided a cozy atmosphere complete with tables and chairs for watching the Sacramento show. Unfortunately, the room was crowded an hour before the show, and once the show began, was full to overflowing.

Regardless of less than ideal venues, though, both shows were provocative and entertaining.

The San Francisco competition, which was expertly emceed by the gorgeous Mistress Kathy, provided a variety of entertainment, as well. Nina — Ms. San Francisco Leather 1989 — appeared briefly on stage, looking outrageously hot in a tiny leather dress, to say goodbye to the crowd and to thank those who helped her throughout the year. (If the yearning of strangers was any assistance at all to Nina, I did my part).

The new winner, Corky D., a former Ms. Southern California Leather, left shortly after the show on her huge Harley Davidson motorcycle, leaving a number of awe-struck women behind.

The Ms. Sacramento Leather contest attracted a number of leather celebrities as participants in the show and as judges.

Ms. Sacramento Leather, Robbie Foughts.

Alan Selby of S.F.'s famous Mr. S Leathers; Jan Lyon, Ms. National Leather Association; Mistress Kathy; and Gabrielle, Ms. Southern California Leather; and Suzie Shepherd, International Ms. Leather, were among the out-of-towners present.

Entertainment included songs by Kim Wallace and Kim Crystal, as well as a hysterical show-stopping act by Suzie Shepherd.

Our contestants, Mary Trader, Kelly Goens, and Robbie Foughts told the audience why they wanted to win the title and answered questions from the judges prior to presenting their fantasies. Mary, who placed third, displayed an enticing strip and whip scene. Kelly, second place, presented a humorously fun fantasy of picking up a woman in a bar and having her transform from dowdy to wild before her eyes. Robbie, our new Ms. Leather Sacramento, appeared on stage scantily-clad in a sexy hot wax scene.

Jolanne Tierney, Ms. Leather Sacramento 1988 and 1989 gave a final performance before passing the mantle to her lover Robbie the new title holder. Robbie, described as an accountant and bartender, plans to represent Sacramento at local and out-of-town leather performances and fundraisers. Her first stop will be the International Ms. Leather Competition in San Francisco on April 7. Good luck Robbie!

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March 31

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RUMOR HAS IT

by **Dan Palomino**

Well if it isn't February already! Happy Valentines Day to all you couples, and if you're single, what better excuse to take someone out on a date, right? But remember girls, you're still working on those figures (New Years Resolution # 35) so lay off of the chocolates and just settle for edible underthings.

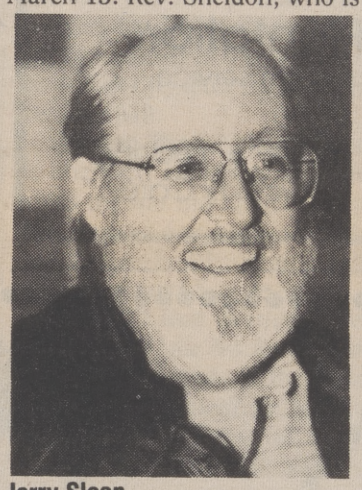
Sign of the Times: Ran into my friend **Lisa** at Sears H & R Block as she anxiously chewed her fingernails while waiting to see a tax consultant. Apparently she had cleaned out the tool department for her girlfriend during Christmas and was hoping for a tax refund to pay for it . . . sounds familiar huh . . . La Amour . . . La Amour . . . La Amour.

Is it love or just playing "doctor": Friends and lovers everywhere had their hands full nursing those of us who succumbed to the latest variety of the flu. For myself, as I languished feebly in my sickbed, I collected so many "God bless you's" for my sneezes that I felt myself quickly approaching sainthood.

Speaking of things spiritual, Congrats to former Sacramentan **Jeff Johnson** on his ordination as Lutheran minister, and also my admiration to the numerous representatives of Bay Area Lutheran groups who showed their solidarity and support to the ordination of a lesbian couple. In other civil rights issues our lame duck (or is it Daffy Duck) Governor allowed the Family Planning bill to become law without his signature. In other political news, while **Sen. Montoya's** goose was being cooked, or better yet charred, in court, the **RCDC** election had its own side dish of machiavellian tactics. Running against **Karl Greene** for President of RCDC, **Mike Varacalli** was seen enjoying a bowl of cioppino at a local restaurant, that is until he got to the bottom of the bowl . . . It seems a Greene supporter had placed a foil wrapped message in the bottom of his bowl which read, "Don't vote for Mike 'cause he's a dyke" . . . how original. With such clever support, it isn't a surprise that **Karl** won.

Mike Varacalli.

Did you know: The Traditional Values Coalition headed by Lou Sheldon is planning a meeting in Sacramento on March 13. Rev. Sheldon, who is



Jerry Sloan.

a contender in my book for person least likely to embody christian virtue, compassion, humility, will be in town to attack his favorite fall guys/gals meaning: minorities, women, and gays/lesbians. **Rev. Jerry Sloan** promises a 'warm' Sacramento Welcome. Stay tuned to posters or call the Lambda info line at 447-5755 for upcoming 'welcoming' activities.

Calling all volunteers: The **Lambda Freedom Fair** needs volunteers to make this important community event happen. If interested please show up the 2nd Monday of each month at the Lambda Community Center. Meetings are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m..

The **Sacto. AIDS Foundation** is putting together a comprehensive user friendly AIDS/ARC self help manual. Anyone with a strong desire to write and become a part of this vital project is urged to call **Patty Blomberg** at SAF soon. And Good Luck to all those volunteers who are already working on this book of potential nationwide significance.

Congrats to **Rosana Herber**, Administrative Aide to Council Member **Kim Mueller**. She figured prominently in a recent Sacto. Bee article on the pivotal role she and her peers perform for the City Council. And by the way **Rosana**, thanks for your efforts on the Mayoral Proclamation given to the **Men's Chorus** recently. And speaking of which, although sworn to secrecy on details of the **Sacto Men's Chorus Spring Show**, I'm excited to report that the SMC has one HOT if not slightly unusual show planned that's bound to get a rise out of even the musically dead. Good Luck guys and break a leg . . . P.S. an SMC member was caught sporting a button which read "Single, attractive, and above average in length". If its not a case of false advertising, than at least we know subtlety is not his strong suit.

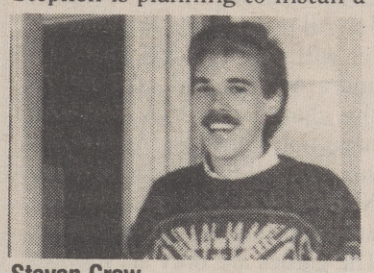
Of course subtlety was nowhere to be found at the popular **Ms. Leather Sacramento Contest** Feb 3rd. The event was well attended by both men and women with the winner being one hot and deserving lesbian named **Robbie**. By all accounts this show put the San Francisco contest to shame.

The stars shined the nite of Jan. 26 as the cast of **P.A.A.R.C. (Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities)** in conjunction with **River City Metropolitan Community Church** put on a rousing variety show. A highlight of the show featured the incomparable chanteuse **Lady Diana** singing "When Sonny Gets Blue" and "The Greatest Love". The packed audience was

Lady Diana.

great and act's with less than star quality made up for it with lots of enthusiasm. Anyway, a hearty round of applause to all those performers who had more guts than the rest of us to face a crowd.

Birthday celebrations are in order for **Merrill Follansbee** who turns 73 on Feb. 26. He is also one of the founders of **PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**. Also **Jimmy Pisciotta** of **Duffy's Transfer and CGNIE** fame celebrates his 29th birthday on Feb. 22, **Gloria Sloan, Rev. Jerry's Mom**, is 73 years young and still going strong! **Stephen Crow's** B-Day is on Feb. 17. Newly single, rumor has it **Stephen** is planning to install a

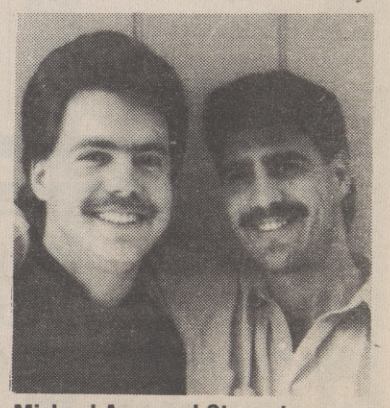


Steven Crow.

revolving door in his back entrance . . . Such a statement, yet so discreet! And he's 27 years old, NOT 38 as incorrectly reported by the 'other columnist' and soon-to-be-ex-friend **Hedda Hopper** whose bouts of forgetfulness are understandable in her old age . . . by the way did you see Hedda's latest column with her picture in it. Seems they placed her picture in the middle as not to initially frighten any of her first time readers. Actually **John** does look much better in person.

In response to the latest ISSUE's increasing readership, we are expanding circulation to **8,000 copies!** Other printing news, look for the **Positive Social Support Newsletter (PSSN)** with lots of info and new ads to be out by the time your reading this. And let me tell you, advertising pays off . . . seems a gentleman advertised recently for an eligible bachelor such as himself and ended up meeting and falling head over heels with a doctor!

A special Valentines Day wish to sweethearts **Michael Asay** and **Michael Stewart.** Now that **Mike A.** has helped **Mike S.** "clean up his act" maybe Mike S. can help the other clean up his room. Any way best wishes, and a special message from long time luvmuffins **Max Cardenas to Marta** saying: "Por ser dia del amor tan importante, alimentemolo con besos y carisias para que nunca muera" (which I am willing to translate for a small interpreter's fee), and also happy V-Day to the luvable and huggable **Pupster**. And in this early



Michael Asay and Stewart.

springtime of love and hope ushered in by Valentines Day, I recall the words of friend **Patrick Simons** who said: LOVE means caring enough about someone to also explore their mind. See you next month . . . Danny

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The editorial deadline for our next issue is March 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by March 5th.

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With the Gay Games just around the corner, August 4,1990, Team Sacramento is encouraging all who would like to get involved to join in the fun and participate within the various sport activities.

There are still four open positions on the men's softball team and Team Sacramento is inviting the women's softball players to send a representative team to Vancouver.

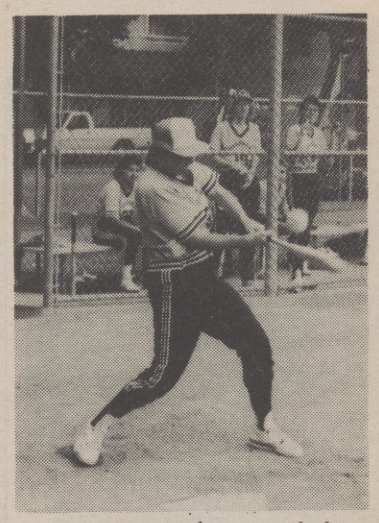
Late registration for the Gay Games 90 begins on February 1st. All team sports that you enter will now cost $56 per sport and a one time $4 administrative charge for SAGA III. If you have not signed up for a sport you can call Paul at 451-5996 or Norm at 443-6440 for details and application information. The games are only six months away and you will need to make your plans early to secure housing and get the best travel costs.

Paul does suggest that you make your travel and transportation arrangements early. Thrill Seekers will be able to help you.

1990 can be the best softball season our community has ever experienced

We encourage Team Sacramento members to get active now!!! Team coordinators will be very busy in selecting uniforms and planning fund raisers to help defray the uniform cost (your uniform jacket is paid when you submitted your total team fees). Teams or individuals can seek sponsors to help defray the uniform costs; however, sponsors' logos must be one half the logo size than Team Sacramento's logo.

Team members will be notified about the Team Sacramento meet and greet parties. Arrangements are being made for sometime in late February or early March. This will be your opportunity to meet fellow Team Sacramento members, ask last minute questions and exchange fund raising ideas. Keep your calendar open.



1990 Gay Softball league season will begin April 90. If you are interested in forming a team or just play on a team, you can contact Paul at 451-5996 for details. A team managers meeting will be scheduled for early February. 1990 can be the best softball season our community has ever experience . . . so catch the opportunity and put together a team or for that matter join in on the fun and sign up for the team of your choice.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Enemies, A Love Story and Other Films

Enemies, A Love Story, based on a novel by Issac Bashevis Singer.

by **Chris Gerald**

Manhattan. Brooklyn. Bronx. The Polish-Jewish man is uncertain which way he must go. His dilemma? He has a wife in each of the three burroughs.

So goes Nobel Prize winner Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel, "Enemies, A Love Story," as brought to the screen by director Paul Mazursky.

Mazursky is at the peak of his craft here as he unfolds the layers of this bittersweet narrative. The story is full of irony as it mirrors the life of singer's Jewish community as they settled in New York City after the war. The year is 1949.

Herman Broder (Ron Silver) is one such expatriate. He survived the war hiding in the hayloft, cared for by his upper middleclass family servant, Yadwiga (Margaret Sophie Stein).

The guilt that Herman hides in the loft while his family suffered at the hands of the Nazis haunts him throughout his life. Hearing eye witness accounts that his wife had been shot, he marries the simple Yadwiga out of gratitude, remorse and perhaps a little lust.

Yadwiga is a childlike woman and Herman has an overwhelming need to take care of her. But Yadwiga is gentile and uneducated and Herman is a man of intellect.

So he seeks out what he needs from the fiery Masha (Lena Olin), his Jewish mistress who survived with her mother in the camps. Masha's passion and intelligence makes it impossible to forget her wartime experience and the only time Herman truly forgets his is when he is with Masha.

Herman is unable to make decisions and terrified of hurting anyone he marries Masha .

It is at this time he receives word his first wife Natasha (Anjelica Huston) has survived by dragging herself to safety during the night after having been left for dead. She still carries with her a bullet in her hip.

The currents are always moving in this deeply moving account of the personal devastation caused by the Holocaust. Mazursky has kept a perfect balance in the restrained performances of his actors. ⚡⚡⚡⚡

⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡ Must see
⚡⚡⚡⚡ Excellent
⚡⚡⚡ Good
⚡⚡ O.K.
⚡ Poor

MY LEFT FOOT

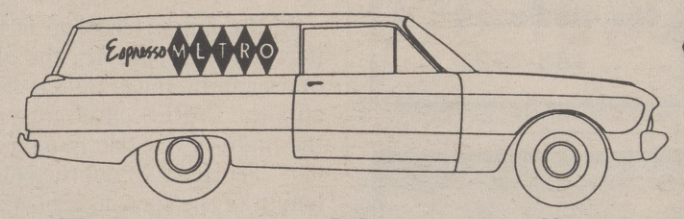
Daniel Day Lewis in My Left Foot.

Daniel Day-Lewis is rapidly proving himself to be one of the most formidable actors on screen today. From the gay punk in "My Beautiful Laudrette" to the lusty doctor in "The Unbearable Lightness of Being," he emerges once more with an unforgettable performance. Day-Lewis captures the spirit of Dubliner Christy Brown, not a victim of cerebral palsy but a man whose will was so strong he went on to become an acclaimed painter, a best-selling writer, a husband and even at times, a barroom brawler, Day-Lewis pulls us into Brown's anguish and frustration, yet instead of pulling us down, we are exhilarated by the vitality of a man whose spirit is finally released. The film is full of love and humor and is a credit to both first-time director Jim Sheridan and his co-writer Shane Connaughton, both accomplished Irish playwrights. ⚡⚡⚡⚡

HENRY V

Shakespeare purist beware! A brash young actor still in his twenties named Kenneth Branagh has adapted this classic work to mirror a generation that no longer idealizes war. Branagh also directs in such a straight-forward manner that the beauty of the language is allowed to flow naturally by the simple delivery of his stellar cast, Paul Scofield, Derek Jacobi, Robbie Coltrane, Robert Stephens, Emma Thompson and perhaps best is Ian Holm. On screen Branagh is immensely likeable as the soldier-King at war with France, showing that egos have no place among honor and the love of one's country.

The battle scenes are especially moving, frightening and realistically brutal. There is no glory on the battlefield. No glory at all until Henry's gentle wooing of the shy Princess Katherine of France. ⚡⚡⚡⚡



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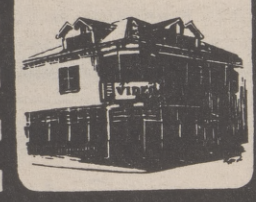

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NUMEROLOGY

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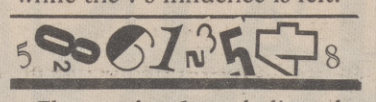
Life will not be dull with this quiet intellect mixed with an exuberant and enthusiastic approach to life.

The Birthdate also determines four different transition ages of a person's life, as well as the lessons and challenges and how the individual will cope during these periods.

Numbers can also indicate the type of day, month, and year a person is facing. Let's go back to the 7 year itch. Again, why not a 4 year itch, or a 6 year itch? The person who is going through the 7th year cycle will naturally be inclined to solitude, as 7 is the vibration of introspection and meditation. While this does not mean the mate or spouse experiencing the 7's influence must be or desires to be alone 100% of the time, this individual will need time to prioritize private goals and thoughts during the temporary 7 year cycle. No major life changes or decisions should be made while such introspection occurs, and both people involved should realize that the usual intimacy shared in a relationship will be strained for a period of time while the 7's influence is felt.



The number 1 symbolizes the self, attempting to establish its own identity. It is a creative energy, positive, and innovative.

The number 2 represents balance and assimilation, as well as cooperation and attachment.

The number 3 brings together the qualities of 1 and 2, and confers the exuberance of life. It is magnetism, enthusiasm, and creates and appreciates the beauty of life.

The number of 4 is stability. It represents law and order, and conservatism. The 4 is of the earth and according to Biblical tradition, the Mother Earth was created on the fourth day.

The number 5 is change, freedom, and adventure!!!! It also represents the vibrations of adaptability, resources, and the ability to take risks.

The number 6 desires harmony, balance and love for family and community. Truth and justice are important to the 6, just as compassion is basic to the 6's nature.

The number 7 searches for answers. It is the mystic, the scribe, the intellect. It is quiet, spiritual, meditative, and analytical. The 7 will always need time alone, at least periodically.

The number 8 . . . this is power, control, objectivity, and responsibility. Financial success and recognition are possible through high standards, and clear ethics.

The number 9 encompasses the highest degrees of selflessness and compassion. It represents a detached yet clear and just perception of life. The 9 is known for it's patience, understanding, and completion of cycles. The 9 gives back freely what it has learned from the Universe without expectation of reward. It is important during the 9 year to finish old business, unchain mental, emotional, or physical bonds and to move forward. The cycle begins all over again in 1990, as the 1 universal year brings new decisions, direction, and independence. The 9 universal year is the most appropriate year, numerologically speaking, for the Berlin Wall to come tumbling down and for the cry for freedom millions are sending out for the rest of the world to heed. Indeed, 1989 has been a year for selfless and humanitarian ideals to explode.

Numerology is a wonderful tool for self-exploration, selfacceptance, and inner focus. It is a metaphysical tool which should be used with unselfish motives and a desire to know the best way our energies should be spent. In addition to all of the aspects mentioned, numerology can indicate karmic debts, karmic lessons, and compatibility factors for possible partners.

There is a natural universal law, and it is probably safe to assume that most human beings have tried to make sense of their own life and environment. The date and name we came into this life gives each of us unique and wonderful energy designed just for us, and for the higher purpose we choose to attain.

Oooops!

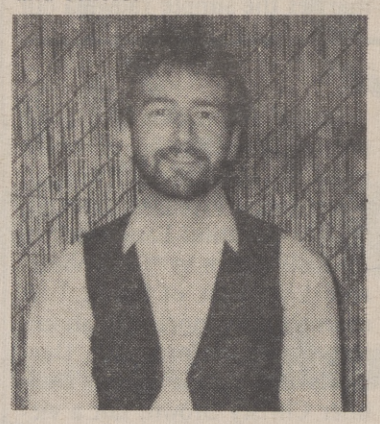
In the January edition of the latest ISSUE, page 15, the fundraiser at the Tower Gallery benefits the CARES clinic for only the night of the "Hollywood Affair", February 23 not the entire length of the show as reported.

A sincere appology to Alta Redondo for the offensive comments made about her in the January issue. Oooops!

What Does Love Mean To You?

Christene
Downtown

Love means having the support caring, concern of someone close to you. Love is "unconditional love!" It means being able to be yourself, and being the best person you can be for yourself and others.



Randy
South Sacramento

Sharing my life with someone, having that special person to share everything with love, honest, friendship, travel, my home, family and friends.

Kristie
Downtown

Having great friends to share good times with.

Bob
Downtown

This is scary asking me, being single and all. But if you must know, hon, here it goes. Above anything else I think you must love yourself, and make sure you let yourself know. I believe this attracts loving people and different kinds of love.

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Gobie engaged in intimate sex acts with [Frank] for pay." Frank last year said that he and Gobie "never spent the night in my apartment."

Stephen Preston, Rep. Frank's attorney in the case, dismissed the Banzhaf complaints as "total and complete baloney" and said one of the reasons the court had turned down the request for an immediate injunction in the case was that Frank no longer lives at the 8th Street address which the suit focuses on. According to Preston and Douglas Cahn, an aide to Rep. Frank, the congressman moved into Washington's Northwest section several months ago.

At a press conference announcing the Frank lawsuit, Banzhaf said the primary aim of the lawsuit is to seek a court order to stop Frank from maintaining premises for prostitution. At the time of the press conference, Banzhaf was apparently unaware that Rep. Frank had moved his residence.

Banzhaf said the suit was filed the way it was "largely because the U.S. attorney has refused even to begin a formal criminal investigation . . . despite the fact that (Frank) has confessed that he paid for the services of a male prostitute.

Banzhaf, whose 25-year career as a progressive legal flamethrower in the area of public interest law, has virtually elevated the lawsuit from a dry, arcane pursuit into something of an intramural collegiate sport.

As a law professor at George Washington University, Banzhaf and his public interest law students (known informally as "Banzhaf's Bandits"), have taken on the high and mighty as well as the silly.

More recently Banzhaf and his law students forced two private all-male Washington, D.C. clubs to admit women, and in 1989 Banzhaf's Bandits brought a suit against Washington, D.C. dry cleaners to stop them from charging more to launder women's blouses than men's shirts — a trend that may spread nationwide.

Banzhaf's attack on Frank, however, seems so out of character with his other public interest legal activities that it's raised the question of why he has aligned himself with such right-wing forces .

"The common thread," Banzhaf said, "is high government officials facing allegations of misconduct and appearing to get off. No one should be above the law — not liberal Democrats or conservative Republicans."

Michael Pertschuk, co-director of the Washington, D.C. Advocacy Institute, a liberal public interest law agency, called Banzhaf's suit against Frank "shoddy stuff."

"Banzhaf has made a contribution to public interest law," Pertschuk said, "but his eagerness for publicity seems to have outweighed his common sense. The issue behind all this isn't ethics or even prostitution but the Washington, D.C. sodomy laws."

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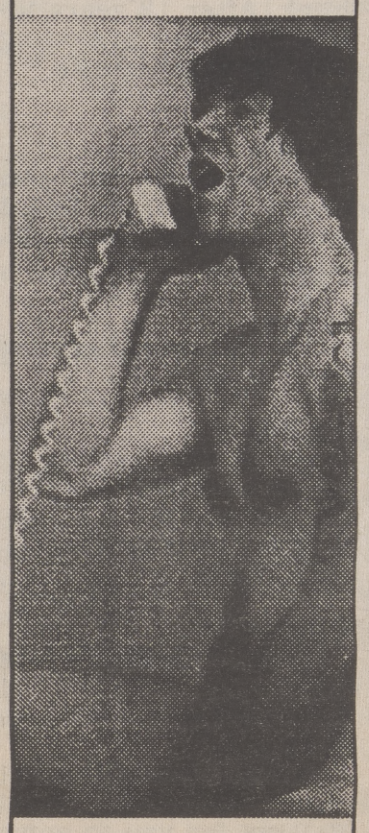

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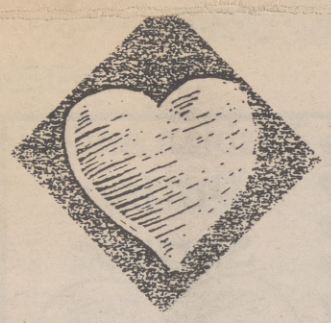

JoAnn
Your breath warms me
Your lips speak the truth to me My heart is full
Loving you is like finally coming home
Again and Again
Happy Valentines Day
XOXOX Cathy Ann

To my Hot Stuff.
Love is in the Air, I hope your legs will be too! All my love. Hot Rod!

Cutie-Pie
To the little cutie-pie in Arkansas . . . You were the first love I knew and always my good friend. I'll help anyway I can and look forward to seeing you soon. Thinking of YOU this Valentines Day. Love, that Sacramento guy.

Valerie
I long to express my love for you, not only today, but every day of our life together. Take the chance – you have nothing to fear. Your sweetness.

Boytoy:
What does your penis look like in Berkeley? C.G.

My beautiful Valentine
After six wonderful years together. Our love continues to overwhelm me. I will always be yours, body, mind and soul. I love you! Forever, Nen.

Valentine Love Notes

AB
You are the best Valentines ever. Love, WSK

Pokey,
You are the woman of my dreams and my fantasies. My life is better than I had ever imagined it could be, because of you. Happy Valentines Day. Love, Smokey.

Jim
Happy Valentines Day, you hunk. After 12 years together our love is growing stronger by the minute.
Love, Dale

Celeste
To my beautiful wife Celeste. Happy Valentines Day. I love you so much. Your husband, Allan.

Bradley,
Happy Valentines Day love, Ralph & Clarence

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Cathy Ann:
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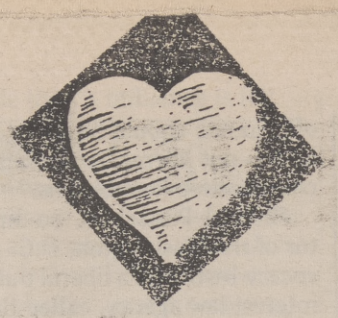
Someone exactly like you.
The best is yet to come . . .
All my love, Joann



J.B. Arnold
This is our first of what will be many Valentines together You are a VERY SPECIAL person. My STUD.
Love, your half B.H.S.P.

Be My Valentine
You're the woman of my dreams. You're out there somewhere. Take good care of yourself. I look forward to sharing Valentine's Day 1991 with you. We're sure to meet soon. Sue

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Ed,
Will you be my Valentine one more time? I really love you. Kevin.

Joey
standing behind her warms the front of my body
breath deepens and quickens
clitoris flutters . . . breast swell
breath inhales and exhales sweet, pretty, love
i guess i'm in it.
S.W.

To my beautiful Jan,
You are the breath of my soul and the beauty in my heart. You'll be cherished always and forever. Your wife for life, Carrie.

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■ WOMEN

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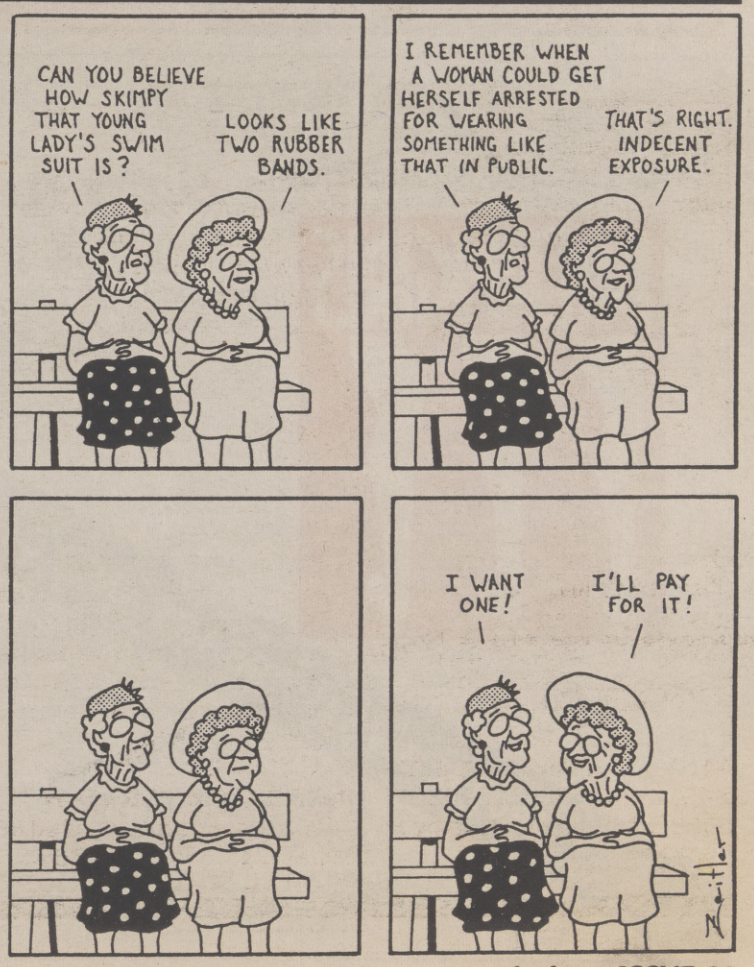
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their support in curbing the anti-gay violence. And a committee to organize the protest action of the TVC's meeting.

During the discussion of the bashing incidents, a motion was made to express disappointment in the lack of attendance by the downtown gay bar owners. The Town Council felt it was vital for bar owners to participate due to the volume of anti-gay violence that has occurred near their establishments. "All bar owners were invited", according to Jerry Sloan, but the only bar representative in attendance was Terry Sidee, owner of Faces.

Discussed was the issue regarding the reporting of incidents of gay related hate crimes. Everyone agreed that an increase of reporting to the police would raise the police departments awareness that a problem does in fact exist. Loretta Hollis of the Human Rights Fair Housing Commission and local activist Midge Moreno committed to see that hate crimes would be listed on the police forms.

The TVC protest action committee is organizing non-violent demonstrations which include a candlelight vigil and a rally tentatively scheduled for March 12 and 13. For information regarding demonstration times and sites contact the Lambda Community Center at 442-0185 or after March 1 call 447-5755 for the Lambda Center's message line.

A second full Town Council meeting is scheduled for March 1, 7 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., all interested women and men are invited to attend.

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the savage and beautiful African god." And as these men are often positioned on or near a pedestal, these provocative and beautiful photographs bring all of these possibilities of life. In fact, one of Mapplethorp's models, Robert Moody, felt that in essence Mapplethorpe wanted to give a gift or make homage to the black man through his work.

The most common theme throughout the artist's collective work is an obsession for beauty and a passion for the physical. During his lifetime, Mapplethorpe was considered provocative, brilliant and pornographic – although the artist himself said that he never intended to "shock" with his work and was continually surprised that so much controversy surrounded his work. However, it must be taken into consideration that Mapplethorpe's environment was New York of the late 60's, 70's and early 80's, as the gay movement and sub-culture exploded and was embraced tightly by it's own – his eye only produced what was a stoically beautiful and accurate account of that era.

"Autoportrait" 1983 is one of Mapplethorpe's many self-portraits.

All seem to be captured in the precise moment of rapt and mesmerized attention.

The Perfect Moment: is shown Tues – Sun, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. with extended hours are to 9 p.m. The collection's was organized before the artists death from AIDS at the age of 42. Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Moment is a poignant tribute to the artist and provides a thorough look at the seductive and often jaded world Mapplethorpe dedicated his life to record.

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ing to be cost effective benefiting thousands of individuals across the country.

The criteria for qualifying under the AZT program requires a doctor's prescription for AZT and an income less than $40,000 per year. Individuals receiving health care and medications under the state's Medi-Cal program do not qualify for the federal program. However, individuals on Medi-Cal are eligible to have their monthly share of cost (SOC) as determined by Medi-Cal guidelines paid by the federal program. Financial qualifying guidelines to receive pentamidine treatments free of charge are the same while medical eligibility guidelines follow federal recommendations for the treatment.

To apply for the federal program individuals must contact the Sacramento County Health Department's eligibility office at (916) 732-3638 to arrange an eligibility appointment. Individuals applying for the program must obtain the doctors AZT prescription before their scheduled appointment. Individuals must apply in person for the first eligibility interview and thereafter will be able to maintain eligibility by mailing in the appropriate forms to the office. According to Dennis Webb, the Sacramento County AIDS Coordinator, "there are sensitive and good people at the eligibility office who give every benefit to the applicant to get them the medication and we've had no problems or complaints with the program."

The medication and treatment is available free of charge

According to Dennis Webb, the administration at the County Health Department is dedicated to providing quality services to area residents and the AZT/Pentamidine program is one where every consideration is given to the individual. Mr. Webb went on to state, "if anyone ever has a problem qualifying for the program that they are not able to resolve through the eligibility office, they can call me and we will look into it and get right back to them."

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